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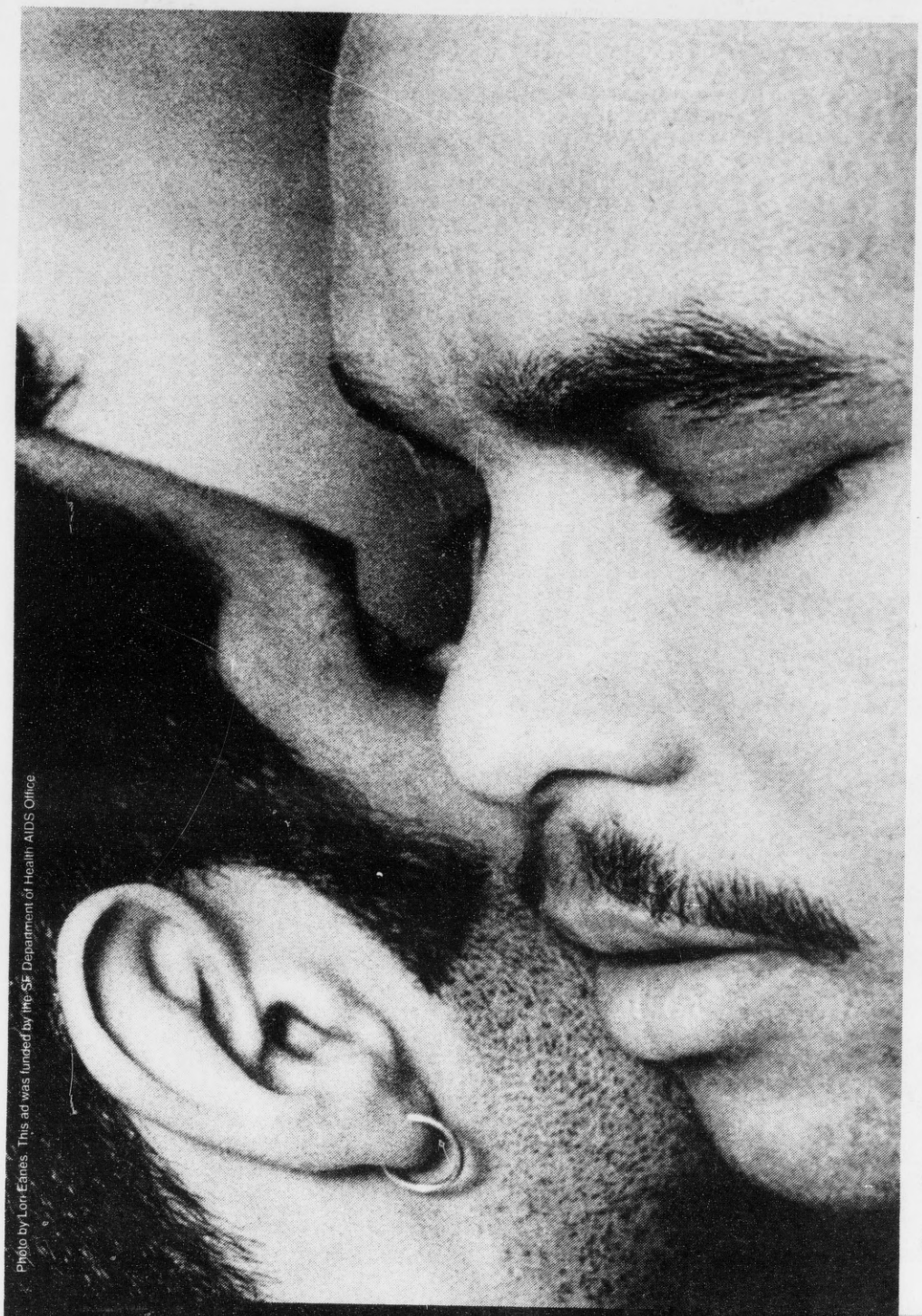

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Socks Objects

I almost choked on a hairball when I saw my photo on your front page among the likes of Jesse Helms. How dare you associate me with those fools! Why, I have half a mind to shit in your news boxes.

Are you presuming anything about my sexuality? How dare you presume that I am a straight, heterosexual male? I happen to be a homo kitty. Who do you think convinced President Clinton to support lesbians and gays in the military? I did, that's who—the cat behind the man.

I implore you to end speciesism, along with racism, sexism and homophobia. I expect to see a complete retraction in your next issue. After all, it is my opinion that pussies don't mix with dicks.

Socks Clinton
Washington, D.C.

Maligning Cats

I would like to take this opportunity to express my dissatisfaction with your March 11 cover. How *dare* you malign cats by including one among the miscreants? The animals in my household found this to be very offensive, and have collectively suggested that a photo of pond scum might have been more appropriate. This idea was not universally supported, however, when it was mentioned that pond scum at least serves a purpose. Perhaps a picture of toxic waste would have been better. Please take this into consideration in the future.

Akaya Windwood
with input from Hewlett and Jamaica
Oakland

Rodeo Opposition Growing

Nice to see the recent letter to Supervisor Carole Migden from Feminists Against Rodeo Exploitation (FARE) ("Gay Rodeo?" Just Say No!" *SF Bay Times*, Feb. 25). Too bad you didn't print the names of the 23 prominent co-signers, which included Alice Walker, Marga Gomez, Sally Gearhart, Barbara Cameron, Pat Norman, Judy Grahn, Roma Guy, et al.

Let's hope that this year's Grand Marshal, Keith Meinhold, will soon get the message too.

Opposition to the gay rodeo is widespread and growing within our community, as was demonstrated while tabling in the Castro. How ironic that such an abusive and exploitative event should take place in a city named for the patron saint of animals! Have we learned so little from our own history of oppression?

If we can boycott Colorado on behalf of human rights, then surely we can boycott all rodeos on behalf of animal rights.

The Golden State Gay Rodeo Association already has the answer. Prior to last year's gay rodeo the GSGRA presented a "Human Rodeo" involving no animals at all, just mechanical bulls and folks on tricycles. Why not replace the rodeo with this creative, fun and humane event? More of our community could be involved, no animals would be stressed out or injured, and we might even raise some needed monies for worthy causes. (Last year's event lost a reported $35,000.)

Failing that, why not charge a separate admission for the rodeo? Maybe then we could get a better handle on how little or how much support there is for the rodeo portion of the GSGRA shindig. It's common knowledge that the majority of the attendees come for the music/dancing/food/cruise scene, not the rodeo nonsense.

Eric Mills
Coordinator, Action for Animals
Oakland

Take Responsibility

As one of the "Queer 40" on the Pride Committee, I would like to respond to some of the letters appearing in the past few issues of the *SF Bay Times*. First of all, I am not a public official; no one elected me to represent them or any other group within our community. I represent only myself. Therefore, I cannot be "recalled" as Mr. Smith suggests ("Recall the Queer 40," Feb. 25). I am a general member of the parade organization, simply because I choose to show up for the meetings. I vote for the results that I want, to get the kind of parade that I want to see. I have only one vote and, of course, my opinions often vary from the other committee members, and no one should confuse what I say with the general consensus of the group.

Secondly, I voted for the term "Queer" to be inclusive of all the members of our community. Is Mr. Disler ("Still Rankles," March 11) aware of the difference between a lesbian and a dyke? A fag punk and a gay? A transvestite and a transsexual? As a transgendered bisexual, where am I supposed to fit in his rather limited scope of "lesbian and gay," especially when these groups tend to exclude both transpersons and bi's? Do I have to remind him that the parade commemorates a riot started by transsexual hookers and rowdy bulldykes? Would they have fit into his conservative ideal of our community?

Third, as a self-professed "drag queen, NAMBLA, exhibo-whacko type" (and proud of it, Mr. Herrera), I march each year in a parade that flaunts sexual freedom—everyone's sexual freedom, not just some assimilationist homos in Sunnyvale! Mr. Herrera's threat to scurry back into his closet after ten years, like a groundhog afraid of its own shadow, is the sort of thing that makes Stonewall irrelevant ("The Rest of Us," March 11). Please do boycott the parade this year. I'm sure you could spend that day with your dog-eared copy of *After the Ball*. I certainly won't miss you, and I'm sure no one else will even notice.

However, I would like to invite you to take some of the responsibility for all the fun you've had in the past years (I know this is a difficult concept for most of your generation), by involving yourself with the parade committee. Membership is free, and on the third visit they let you vote! Don't whine for someone else to do it for you. Get real! Do what I did: Get off your self-righteous butt and do it for yourself! Call the parade office for information. Meetings are the second Sunday of every month. Bring a sandwich, they usually run late.

Nygel Wesly Daggers
San Francisco

Disrespectful

I wish to show my support for all those who are opposed to the theme of this year's San Francisco Lesbian and Gay Freedom Day Parade. It certainly does *not* represent everyone and, though I suppose that would be hard to accomplish, doesn't even come close to representing everyone! It is offensive and disrespectful to a great part of the lesbian and gay community.

Isn't the fact that we are marching for freedom enough of a theme? Why must a select few feel the need to disregard the ever-increasing opposition to this ridiculous "theme" and choose to go ahead and alienate the rest of us?

At a time when all lesbians and gays are being urged to "come out" and show our numbers, it would make sense to give us something that we could be proud to identify with, not more of the same crap that encourages many to stay in the closet in the first place.

We should be proud of ourselves as individuals, our compassion for others, and our love of life—not some degrading term that puts us apart from the rest of humanity.

We've always wanted to be accepted and respected by the rest of the world. Why don't we give ourselves and the rest of the world something to respect?

Ron Wilson
San Francisco

Different Perspectives

Regarding the use of "queer" in this year's parade theme: First of all, we should not see those who disagree with the chosen word as "the enemy." Each of us has a different perspective and a valid opinion. I personally am not opposed to "queer," but feel the term will be short-lived.

When Richard Pryor started using the word "nigger" in his routine, he was cheered by the liberal elements in his community for being truthful and outfront, but jeered by the more conservative elements for being destructive. Eventually, he stopped using "nigger," and decided to help uplift his people. Gays and lesbians will probably go through these same phases.

In actuality, the heteros named us "queers." Don't we want to name ourselves?

I don't feel "queer." I feel normal. It is normal to be able to love, to see our planet as a sacred place, to not be afraid of beauty, to not be fixed into "roles" of how we should dress, live, love.

What is queer (abnormal) are groups like the Christian rightwing, which are full of hate and whose goals are exclusion and non-compromise. Abnormal is people who rape other people or our planet in their lust for money or power.

I am a loving gay person.

Stan Levy
Berkeley

Thanks for Dancing

I would like to express my sincere thanks and gratitude to the more than 5,000 wonderful people who danced their tushies away at the recent AIDS Dance-a-Thon and raised more than $1 million. My organization is one of the beneficiaries of the dance and I was overwhelmed by the turnout, the incredible work of the volunteers, and the corporations that underwrote the evening. It makes me understand why I live in and love the Bay Area and why our work, taking care of Asian/Pacific Islanders with HIV, never gets us down. Your energy and dedication constantly renews us.

I must make a special thanks to the many Asian/Pacific Islanders who danced, who sponsored dancers, and who volunteered late into the night making the Dance-a-Thon an evening to remember.

The following Monday, when I volunteered to help count the money, we listed on a board dancers who secured $1,000 or more in pledges. In the first three hours of counting, two of the six "super-dancers" were Asians, namely Gladys Makabenta and Larry Ching. Thank you, Gladys and Larry.

John L. Silva
Executive Director, GAPA Community HIV Project
San Francisco

Blatantly Bureaucratic

The AIDS Dance-a-Thon has become so blatantly bureaucratic it is now actually difficult to donate money! Although we arrived early, we were told to wait in the "stand-by" line because we did not have our sponsor forms with us and they could not find us on the list. With our $190 in hand, we finally found the unlit, secluded loading dock at which to wait. The surly attendant claimed he had "no idea how long" but that we should wait "until they tell us." We were ordered to "spread out" only to be told minutes later to "move closer together" to accommodate the hundreds of others turned away. We waited for the better part of an hour in the cold wind with several hundred other people for the privilege of giving away our money, until finally giving up.

This type of treatment is inexcusable. Other organizations, such as Project Open Hand, bend over backward for their donors and volunteers. If space, is a problem, the Dance-a-Thon should be held in a larger place—get the city to give them Moscone Center. I'll give my money to other organizations that are not so elitist and bureaucratic as to make their donors grovel.

Jamey Frank
Jim Burke
San Francisco

Address Lesbian Sex

I had a grand time attending the AIDS Dance-a-Thon for the second year in a row. I was moved from tears to laughter throughout the evening and highly recommend the experience to anyone who can raise the money to participate.

I was impressed to see a volunteer organizer come into the bathroom calling in search of any stalls that needed toilet paper. This is something I have never seen done at any major event I've attended. I am sure the organizing list includes a zillion-and-one things to do and remember and that every detail must be considered. I commend the organizers for the fantastic job they have done with each Dance-a-Thon.

Unfortunately, as a lesbian I felt let down. Once again, a group of women were forgotten when it came to safe sex. While my heterosexual and bisexual friends were receiving condoms I was given a blank look when I asked for a dental dam for my safe sex practices. Yes, I could use a rubber with a dildo, but I don't use dildos. Yes, I could cut the rubber and use it that way, but who wants to put their tongue on a lubricated condom? Not me.

Why aren't lesbian safe sex practices being addressed when everyone else's are? I know that dental dams are expensive, taste like stale bubble gum, never seem to cover the whole area, and are much too thick for anyone's enjoyment. What to do? Hand out Saran Wrap, but make sure it's the microwavable kind.

Many of my sisters and I have spent much time and energy being active in the fight against AIDS, from being involved in political organizing to taking care of our brothers who have died in this epidemic. I hope lesbians will not be plagued like our gay brothers, and heterosexual and bisexual friends are by this horrendous disease. As lesbians, we are fighting a battle against breast cancer and it is taking us down one by one; but we can prevent an increase in AIDS among lesbians by taking immediate action and promoting safe sex practices. Safe sex as an issue was taboo in the hetero and bi worlds, but it is almost nonexistent when it comes to lesbians. Lesbians must be made aware of the fact that they too can contract HIV. Lesbians, dykes, women-identified women, gay and queer women are not immune to sexually transmitted diseases!

LauraLynn Jansen
San Francisco

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A Military Solution For Our Civil Rights?

Campaign For Military Service & Operation Lift the Ban Declare War on the Pentagon

by Tim Kingston

The battle lines over gays, lesbians and bisexuals in the military have been drawn for months. Now the opening salvos of the final battle-royale are exploding. Congressional hearings are due to start by the end of April, to be led by Senator Sam Nunn, who opposes lifting the ban. He, of course, has promised "fair, thorough and objective" hearings, while loudly blathering all kinds of homophobic nonsense on the issue. Making matters worse, on March 23 President Clinton appeared to be wavering in his support for lifting the ban, by saying that he might consider segregated facilities for gay, lesbian and bisexual soldiers.

But as these announcements are being made, the recently formed Campaign For Military Service (CMS) and the Human Rights Campaign Fund's Operation Lift the Ban (OLTB) are swinging into action. OLTB is planning a nationwide Operation Lift the Ban Weekend of club nights, dances and benefits in over 20 cities, from March 25-28. The plan is to raise community awareness—and funds—to fight the unholy, but not unexpected, alliance of the "Christian" right and the Pentagon in their opposition to lifting the ban.

The Pentagon has already distributed slick anti-gay hate-videos remarkably similar to the ones passed out by "Traditional Values" activists in Oregon and Colorado. The "Christian" right, in turn, has milked its conservative power base for money with hysterical appeals charging that the Clinton administration is determined to unleash raging "sodomites" on their terrified progeny in the armed forces.

Meanwhile, CMS is forging ahead with its campaign to corral the 51 votes needed in the Senate when Defense Secretary Les Aspin drafts a permanent order to lift the ban. CMS is a coalition forged of the Human Rights Campaign Fund (HRCF), the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF), the Victory Fund, the ACLU, the Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Veterans of America, the Gay and Lesbian Leadership Forum, the National Organization for Women and People for the American Way.

The CMS strategy is two-pronged: In Washington, D.C., the group is busy following the power-suit-and-tie avenue. It is raising money nationwide to lobby swing-vote democratic senators to lift the ban. At the same time CMS is sending a busload of gay, lesbian and bisexual veterans into the home states of the wavering senators. The CMS "Tour of Duty" freedom-ride began on March 14 and will cover 24 cities from North Dakota through to Clinton's homestate and on to Washington, D.C., in time for the March on Washington on April 25.

"The ban on gays in the military is the most important civil rights test that we face. It will set the stage and will establish a major precedent related to gay and lesbian employees and civil rights, whatever the outcome is," declares Lowell Gibbs, Bay Area HRCF/OLTB co-chair. "It is really important, because if we fail on this, the prospects for the lesbian/gay civil rights bill are significantly diminished."

However, at least in San Francisco, not everyone is convinced that the gays in the military issue is, or should be, the primary thrust of the entire national lesbian/gay movement. "What does it say about our priorities as a movement when the national debate over our rights focuses on military service, and not even lip service is paid to the escalating rates of HIV infection among women of color, young people and Native Americans?" demands a letter signed by a dozen local gay and lesbian activists, artists and writers.

"Asking for inclusion in the military is not progress," they write. "Let the Neanderthals in Congress and the religious right throw their hissy fits. Let the gays and lesbians who want to join the military get their uniforms and guns. For the rest of us, it's time to seek alliances and coalitions that form a more fundamental challenge to American power."

But Jim Hormel, a leading local fundraiser for both CMS and OLTB, says, "Unfortunately (the gays in the military issue) is there... We need to present our case. If we don't do it thoroughly and effectively, we can't count on anyone else to do it effectively. We have friends in the Senate who need our support on this." (Like the spineless AIDS-phobic bastards who voted to keep the HIV-immigration ban in place, perhaps?)

THE BEST DEFENSE...

Both CMS and OLTB were born out of increasing concern that the right was mobilizing for the coming hearings, and queers were not. CMS and OLTB representatives repeatedly state that if the community blows it on this one, there is no way we can expect any elected officials in D.C. to stick their neck out next time—when the gay and lesbian civil rights bill comes up.

"Discrimination in the military impacts all of us, whether or not we want to serve," asserts Greg King, HRCF communications director. "(The military) is the only major institution that actually has a written policy that discriminates against gays and lesbians.... It is also true that literally thousands of individuals enter civilian life every year after leaving the armed forces who have been indoctrinated with homophobia as a proper attitude."

Gibbs argues that changing the military has always been an important harbinger of change for the rest of society. "The integration of Blacks in 1948 was one of the most significant things in the entire civil rights movement for Blacks, because it forced a large group of individuals to interact and deal with Blacks on a professional basis."

The same thing will happen with queers if the military is forced to deal with the reality of the thousands who are already in the service. "It will help establish a sense across communities, that, because we can serve in the armed forces, we can participate in the community at large as well." Gibbs adds that the military "has been, and is, a major avenue of economic advancement (in the U.S.) for disadvantaged individuals, including those in the gay and lesbian community."

Sexism is another critical reason many argue for a determined push to overturn the ban. "The fact is that the vast majority of those expelled from the military are women—not men," points out Melinda Cuthbert, Bay Area HRCF/OLTB co-chair. According to defense department statistics, says the OLTB, lesbians are three times more likely to be thrown out of the armed forces than gay men.

"It is a larger issue than just being investigated and expelled," says Cuthbert. "(The ban) is being used to intimidate both heterosexual and lesbian women, by threatening them with taunts of being a lesbian, or suggesting they will investigate them, or by starting rumors." The OLTB also points out that women who turn down the sexual overtures of their male "colleagues" face the threat of investigation and are often dyke-baited.

"There is an apparent contradiction for many of us who are pacifists, who have spent the last ten years opposing the military build-up," says Cuthbert. But she stresses, "This is a civil rights issue. HRCF does not endorse the military as a career choice for gays or lesbians or for any American." But, she says, "We do say that all people recruited and commissioned have the right to equal participation. We see it not as a military issue, but as an issue of civil rights."

"IS THAT ALL THERE IS? THEN LET'S KEEP DANCING"

Arawn Eibhlyn, of the Prairie Fire Organizing Committee and ACT UP/SF, says that, "I don't think there is any moral or political argument that those civil rights (to join the military) do not belong to lesbians and gay men." But Eibhlyn says that is only part of the discussion.

"If you read the question of lesbian/gay rights in the perspective of human rights, it opens a whole other question that has to be talked about—which is that the job of every sailor, soldier, marine or pilot is to enforce the military might of this country around the world."

Eibhlyn says lesbian/gay liberation should be about respect for human rights, justice and freedom. "I don't think the U.S. military represents that," he says. "I don't think gay people in other parts of the world would welcome that oppression if it was led by a lesbian or gay battalion." Eibhlyn asserts smart bombs and Tomahawk missiles are not gender specific; for the hundreds of thousands of Iraqis blown to bits in our last foreign policy endeavor, the sexual orientation of who pulled the trigger was irrelevant.

The issue is also too narrowly framed for Desi del Valle, of Frameline, the gay and lesbian film festival. Del Valle warily supports the campaign to lift the ban, but warns, "When we are fighting so hard for military inclusion, we should also be fighting so hard for something on a higher level, which is jobs and education.... It is a larger issue; it is not just about the military. It is about civil rights and human rights. We forget that."

But many activists take the tack of Queer Nation member John Woods: "Queers are generally progressive people and would say, 'screw the military.' We could not care less about it, but unfortunately this is a watershed issue." Woods says it is essential to take action on lifting the ban, because, "Middle America apparently has a lot of respect for the military. If they see, if the government says, that queers or gays or lesbians cannot be in the military, they will take that and apply it to the rest of our lives."

Operation Lift The Ban Weekend events—Saturday: Maneuvers, a Uniform Party at Pleasure Dome. Rosie the Riveter party at Girl Spot. Events also at Product, Cyclops and Rawhide. On Sunday: Pleasure Dome. All weekend long there will be OLTB volunteers at bars all over town. CALL: President Bill Clinton [Yay], (202) 458-1111; Senator Sam Nunn, [Hiss, Boo], (202) 224-3571; General Colin Powell [BANG!], (703) 697-9121; Senator Barbara Boxer [Yay], (415) 403-0100; Senator Dianne Feinstein [Uh... Yay], (415) 249-2777. More information: HRCF/OLTB, local (415) 306-0477, D.C. (202) 628-4160: CMS D.C. (202) 265-6666. ✿

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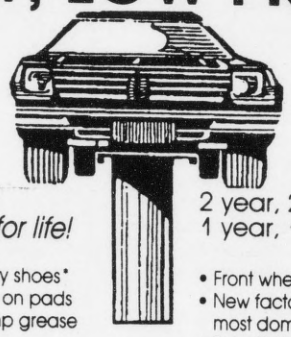

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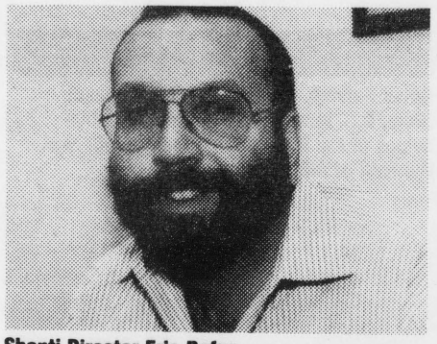
Care Council Vote:

A.I.D.S Funded. Shanti On Notice

by Tim Kingston

The Ryan White Care Council did an about-face on March 22, voting virtually unanimously to reverse its March 8 decision to cut funding to AIDS Indigent Direct Services (A.I.D.S.). The switch came after a dozen emotional testimonials from clients who stressed that no other agency exists offering the services that A.I.D.S. does. After the vote, Care Councilmember Kent McDonald commented, "We would have hoisted ourselves on our own petard if we had stayed on with the A.I.D.S. decision."

The Care Council—the San Francisco group that allocates federal Ryan White funds to local nonprofits—also voted by a similar margin to continue funding Shanti, as recommended by the AIDS Office of the Department of Public Health, but only until Oct. 1, not the full year. Further funding of Shanti will be contingent on the agency completing a retroactive audit of its 1991-92 finances. "Given that we changed the decision on A.I.D.S., I think it is fair," stated Care Council member Laura Thomas of the vote after the meeting. "I would like to see the report on Shanti sooner. Shanti has been doing a very poor job on their accounting."



Shanti Director Eric Rofes. Photo by Jane Philomen Cleland

The Care Council's decision to put Shanti Project on notice came after AIDS Office Director Mitch Katz reiterated the failures of Shanti's administrative and fiscal practices. Katz also detailed new shortcomings that had come to light in the course of the AIDS Office investigations of Shanti.

Said Shanti Executive Director Eric Rofes, "It is important for the Care Council to establish policies and procedures to follow for organizations that are not in compliance. I hope they will be applied fairly to all organizations that are not in compliance."

A.I.D.S.

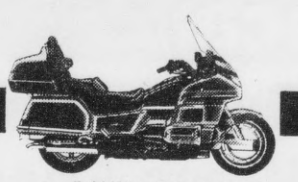
Care Council funding was withdrawn on March 8 from A.I.D.S primarily because money was transferred from an account containing its clients' social security checks to its general fund to make payroll, a patently illegal action. A.I.D.S. primarily serves poor people of color in the Tenderloin by making referrals, providing food, giving psychosocial support, and acting as financial guardian for its clients.

Gerald Lenior, director of the Black Coalition on AIDS, was deeply upset by the de-funding decision. Lenior argued that the Care Council was stampeded into taking action by sensationalized front-page stories in the *SF Examiner*. He complained, "How can we handle A.I.D.S and Shanti Project so differently? After four months of investigation we come back with a recommendation not to de-fund with Shanti. With A.I.D.S. there is a two week investigation and we vote to de-fund."

"It was mind-blowing," declared Lenior. "How could we make that decision? The racial insensitivity was very stark. We had no standards. We treated one agency one way and another agency very differently."

But Care Councilmember Dr. Gifford Leung said, "It is not clear that Shanti and A.I.D.S are the same. There is a difference between flawed accounting procedures [at Shanti] and taking money that is not yours [at A.I.D.S.]."

Despite the strong initial support for the de-funding decision, the combination of allegations of press stampeding, racial insensitivity, the apparent inconsistency in the treatment of A.I.D.S and Shanti, and more importantly, the clients who testified to their need for A.I.D.S. turned the tide. Judy Cummings, A.I.D.S.'s uncredentialed social worker, pleaded, "This agency was started with humanity and heart. I hope you can find that inside yourselves." ✿



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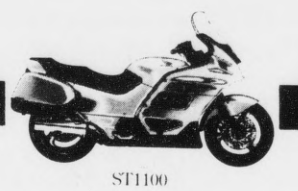

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Rainbow Clinic for Gay/Lesbian Families Opens at UCSF

by Karen Lee Erlichman

On March 1, the first pediatric clinic in the United States for children of gay and lesbian parents celebrated its grand opening at UCSF Medical Center. According to Dr. Tamar Gershon, UCSF pediatrician and co-founder of the Rainbow Clinic, the initial idea for the clinic came from her friend and colleague, Dr. Larry Petko, who died of AIDS last year. "We got together and...tried to get it going but politically at the time it wasn't a priority." Last October, Gershon decided to raise the idea again. She wrote a proposal for the clinic and presented it to the Pediatrics Department. "They were totally in favor of it, which was remarkable... Larry was well loved, and people partly see this as a legacy on his behalf."

The Rainbow Clinic has several goals: First is "to provide high quality pediatric care for children in gay and lesbian families. The second is to provide this health care in an environment in which gay and lesbian families will experience acceptance, encouragement and support for their lifestyle and an understanding of their needs."

The clinic will be staffed by three physicians and a nurse practitioner. It will initially be open two nights a month, but is expected to eventually expand its hours and services. "We want to address parenting and family issues... for example, what issues come up when two women are raising a son or two men are raising a daughter? We want people to feel comfortable raising these concerns without being worried about judgment or ignorance," says Dr. Gershon. Informal counseling and patient education will also be an integral component of the clinic. "We are hoping to provide a variety of resources, including discussion seminars, guest speakers and material such as journals, books and videos." Gershon is hoping to receive grant money to develop the resource library.

Often gay and lesbian parents don't come out to their children's pediatricians, and Gershon expresses concern about the impact of homophobia on the entire family, particularly its impact on children's health and access to health care. "There have been some studies about lesbians' experience with health care, and it seems that lesbians pursue health care services less frequently because of homophobia. Nobody knows whether that extends to their children," worries Gershon. "I think the kids will like the clinic... (their parents' sexuality is) this secret that they have to keep in a lot of situations, but here it won't be an issue."

The rainbow clinic is the only clinic in the country providing gay/lesbian parents with primary health care for their kids. Photo by Jane Philomen Cleland

Gershon and her colleagues have been doing community outreach to inform people about this new clinic, and have discovered unique parenting groups and programs all over the Bay Area. For example, in Hayward, there's a group called "Black Female Couples With Children," and the Lyon-Martin Clinic has a parenting program. "There aren't any specific groups that I know of just for gay dads," laments Gershon. "There are groups that cater to both, like the Gay and Lesbian Parents Group in Berkeley. We're different because we're providing primary health care for kids. There's no other clinic like this in the country. We'd eventually like to have a clinic for gay and lesbian teenagers. We also want to have a diverse group (of patients) in terms of class, race and ethnicity," says Gershon. The clinic will accept most types of insurance, including private plans, HealthNet and Medi-Cal, and hopes to be accessible to as many lesbian and gay parents with children as possible.

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A Queer Summit, A Homo Shopping Network

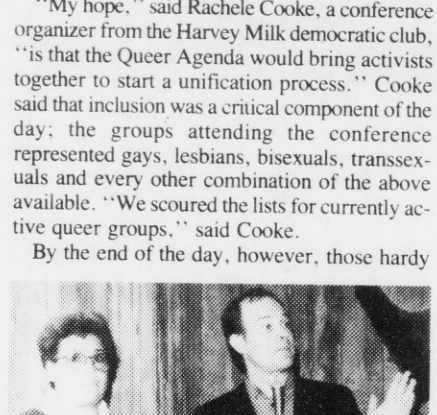
by Tim Kingston

Queer Summit coordinators (l-r) Adrienne Blum, D.C. March Field Organizer; Kenya Briggs of the Harvey Milk Club; and Gerard Palmieri of BiPOL. Photo by Rink

"This is becoming like a menu, a television viewer's guide to activism," groused AIDS activist Jeff Brooks at the Queer Summit for the Bay Area held on March 13. Over 200 participants from 60 Bay Area groups gathered at San Francisco's First Unitarian Church to prepare for the March on Washington and to map out a more comprehensive "queer agenda" for the rest of the year.

"My hope," said Rachele Cooke, a conference organizer from the Harvey Milk democratic club, "is that the Queer Agenda would bring activists together to start a unification process." Cooke said that inclusion was a critical component of the day; the groups attending the conference represented gays, lesbians, bisexuals, transsexuals and every other combination of the above available. "We scoured the lists for currently active queer groups," said Cooke.

By the end of the day, however, those hardy



Pat Norman and Paul Boneberg speak about grass-roots organizing. Photo by Rink

souls still remaining were looking goggle-eyed after hearing everybody from the Gay Men's Chorus to Transgender Nation give a description of their group.

"It was a hodgepodge of speakers," groaned Paul Martin of the Lavender Caucus of SEIU Local 535. "It seemed to be a whole afternoon of introductions." While Martin acknowledges the Queer Summit is the first part of an ongoing process, he felt it would have been more successful had smaller focus and discussion groups been a more significant part of the agenda.

Even though the introductions segment of the meeting was unrelenting, Frank Herron, a linchpin organizer of the Queer Summit, said the "hodgepodge" was precisely the point, to familiarize the groups with each other. "Numerically it succeeded beyond our expectations," said Herron, but he acknowledged "people were frustrated because there was not enough time for working groups." Herron explained, however, there will be a follow-up meeting on May 22—Harvey Milk's birthday—at New College.

Herron said comments from the Queer Summit will be compiled in a compendium volume for the May 22, post-March on Washington meeting, that will be dedicated to small working groups and in-depth discussion.

Conference organizers said the morning sessions of the Queer Summit had two main thrusts: to offer how-to information on lobbying in the capitol before and after the march, and to provide civil disobedience training for the April 26 Health Care and Human Rights protest. The afternoon sessions were set up to enable a cross-fertilization of ideas to be synthesized into the greater Queer Agenda.

"The summit was the first step in a three-part effort to get gay and lesbian organizations in the city coordinated," said Bonnie Haley of GLAAD/SF (Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation). "The first part was to get organizations together to talk about what they feel is important for the coming year, and the future of the Bay Area community. I think it accomplished that very well."

TRANS-ANGER

"The time has come in this community to put the trans issue on the table," said Scott Hester, activist and self-confessed itinerant pest. "These issues have been ignored for too long. Any forum regardless of its original intention will now become a forum dealing with the trans issue relating to the queer community." Cooke acknowledged that despite the efforts at inclusion, "transgendered people felt marginalized and excluded" from the proceedings.

Anne Ogborne, of Transgender Nation, asserts that the queer community as a whole has little understanding of trans issues. There is both ignorance and transphobia in the queer community, said Ogborne, but added that for the first time, "trans people have reached a level of organization within our own community that allows us to be visible—sometimes."

Ogborne, and others staging interventions at events like the Queer Summit, hope Transgender Nation will garner enough visibility and cohesion to start educational workshops about trans issues for the rest of the community. "It is the gay and lesbian community's responsibility to become educated," said Ogborne, but she admitted, "We recognize that we are the only people who know about the subject, and so we are certainly looking at how we can further that educational effort."

TRADITIONAL TENSIONS

"Our community is incredibly diverse," posited Lani Kaahumanu of BIPOL, the nationwide bisexual organizing network, "and sitting in this room makes that clear." But part of that diversity involves the ongoing warfare between grassroots activists and the "A-gays," as well as the gap between seasoned activists and newly inspired community members.

Kaahumanu complained of the "gayristocracy that is out of touch with the grassroots." A representative of one national organization took issue with criticisms from transpeople, alleging exclusion and snapping, "I don't think people attacked LAGADDA for not doing outreach to Samoans!"

Those tensions were not helped by the fact that many of the elected officials who said they would show up never appeared. (Supervisor Roberta Achtenberg was in Washington, D.C., while Supervisor Carole Migden, Community College Board President Tim Wolfred and SF Board of Education member Angie Fa did not make their hoped-for appearances.) Ex-San Mateo Supervisor Tom Nolan and SF School Board President Tom Ammiano did appear.

There is "clearly a need for a grassroots-based gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered organization. That is not being filled by the current national organizations," said Cooke.

Despite the problems, the fact that so many activist groups were in the same room together without blood being shed can be considered a success. "My experience has been that when you get more than four groups in one room, it gets raucous," said Anne Keating, a board member of the gay rights chapter of the Northern California ACLU.

"It was nice just to get the information without a lot of dialogue about theoretical approaches to the Queer Agenda," said Keating. "I was just going on a network orgy!" ✿

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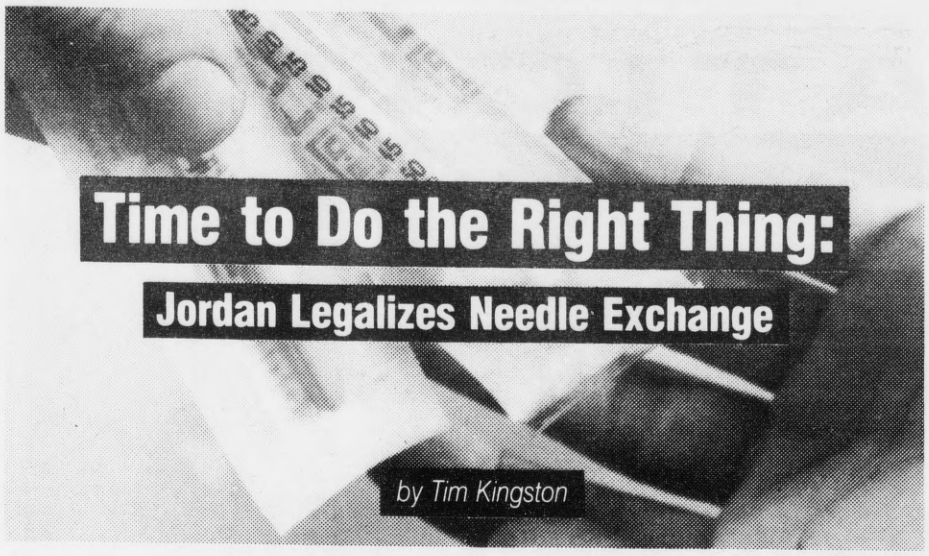

Time to Do the Right Thing:

Jordan Legalizes Needle Exchange

by Tim Kingston

Photo by Rink

It has been a long and difficult road, but on March 15 Mayor Frank Jordan declared a medical state of emergency—and fulfilled a campaign promise by legalizing Prevention Point's needle exchange program. The state of emergency allows San Francisco to give Prevention Point $138,000 in desperately needed funds to pay for syringes and other supplies to prevent HIV transmission among injection drug users (IDUs).

Mayor Jordan declared, "If this city is committed to stopping the spread of HIV among IDUs and everyone else at risk, this city and its Department of Public Health must be committed to supporting needle exchange and its comprehensive prevention program targeting injection drug users." As he signed the declaration, Jordan added, "Literally thousands of lives are at stake."

Activists, public health officials and politicos showed a rare display of united support for the Mayor. Jordan's action was universally praised by AIDS activists, researchers, the Department of Public Health, the Health Commission and the San Francisco Board of Supervisors. The state of emergency—which must be reapproved every 14 days—was passed without dissent by the Board of Supervisors. The Health Commission followed suit on March 16.

"The biggest thing that will come out of this is the ability to buy needles (legally)," said Dr. Ray Baxter, director of the Department of Public Health (DPH). Dr. Baxter said the DPH already spends $70,000 a year on Prevention Point. He states additional research and epidemiology funding will be added to the funds already slated for Prevention Point.

While Jordan has been a long-term backer of needle exchange, the timing of his announcement was driven by fiscal, not ideological, concerns: Prevention Point was going belly-up. "It has been scary," said Prevention Point Director George Clark. "Every week we have been scrambling for syringes. I owe a lot of money to the syringe supplier that I have not been able to pay." Now Clark said of the state of emergency, "I can't believe it. I'll feel better when I have a check."

Prevention Point volunteer Jennifer Lorvick said, "We have waited a long time, and it has finally happened. They have finally acknowledged the program needs help from the Department of Public Health to run." While grateful for the money, she notes that the city contract—which will be funneled through the San Francisco AIDS Foundation—is only half of Prevention Point's annual $300,000 budget.

Prevention Point will get $138,000 for the remaining three months of the 1992/93 fiscal year, and the same amount thereafter, annually. Clark is angling for further grants from the American Foundation for AIDS Research, and other foundations. Clark hopes the fiscal infusion will enable Prevention Point to open new sites, stay open longer and more often, purchase a van, and hire a nurse for abscess management, TB, hepatitis and HIV testing.

OVERWHELMING SUPPORT/ OVERWHELMING EVIDENCE

"The evidence is overwhelming that syringe exchange reduces needle sharing and the transmission of the HIV virus," pronounced Dr. Baxter, backing the Mayor's decision.

Of the 16,000 IDUs in San Francisco, only 15 percent are infected with HIV—an infection rate far lower than other major cities with large IDU populations. Dr. Baxter stressed, "Those numbers would have been much higher had it not been for the role that Prevention Point played in this city." Still, he warns, 50 percent of the 300 HIV-positive women in the City, and all of the local pediatric cases, are directly linked to injection drug use.

George Clark said that one AIDS researcher estimates that Prevention Point reaches some 15 to 20 percent of San Francisco's IDUs. Prevention Point now exchanges some 15,000 to 20,000 syringes every week during the six hours it is open. The group has long since passed the millionth needle exchange mark. Prevention Point currently sees an average of 637 clients a week, and that number is increasing steadily. It is also worth noting that many Prevention Point clients are holding for two or three other people. This suggests that Prevention Point's impact is wider than the raw data implies.

While many press reports, politicians and city officials have stressed the role of needle exchange as a bridge to drug treatment, Dr. Baxter does not. "I want to *emphasize* first of all that this program works *even if no one goes further than to exchange their clean needles.* The second part of it was to make available to people the access to other treatments, *if* they wanted to take advantage of that."

Baxter says the Prevention Point contract will be administered out of the AIDS office—not out of Community Substance Abuse Services—indicating the DPH does not view needle exchange primarily as a drug treatment program. Dr. Baxter added that there are only 6,000 drug treatment slots available to the City, leaving an estimated 10,000 IDUs who cannot get involved in drug treatment programs—even if they wanted to.

In many ways it is the nonjudgmental hands-off attitude of Prevention Point to its client population that has made it such a success among IDUs in San Francisco. A high level of client comfort is essential to Prevention Point's effectiveness—every time the City has taken a step toward legalizing needle exchange, it has gained more clients.

THE RIPPLE EFFECT: OR GET ON THE GODDAMN BANDWAGON, PETE!

Despite a growing body of evidence that illustrates the efficacy of needle exchange in preventing HIV transmission—evidence which only grows with each international AIDS conference; and despite the fact that about 20 cities in the United States have their own sanctioned exchanges; and despite the legalization of the concept by one of his conservative cronies, Gov. Pete Wilson still remains mutely opposed.

Gubernatorial Press Secretary Kassy Perry said, until a soon-to-be-completed Centers for Disease Control report on U.S. needle exchange programs is made available, Wilson is sticking to his position. She said, "There is no clear and convincing evidence that needle exchange reduces the incidence of AIDS." Perry added— probably the most important issue to Wilson—that, "There is definite concern among law enforcement that such programs threaten the credibility of ongoing anti-drug efforts."

Asked to comment on the number of lives that might have been saved had needle exchange been legalized, Perry countered, "How many lives have been lost to the drug epidemic? If you act to undermine law enforcement you may lose as many lives on that side. We have to strike a balance between the two."

The office of Attorney General Dan Lundgren declined to comment on any aspect of the issue. Government sources, however, indicate it is unlikely Wilson or Lundgren will take legal action against San Francisco.

According to Deputy City Attorney Paula Jessen, San Francisco's state of emergency was crafted to ward off legal action. Jessen doubts any legal challenge from the state executive branch will take place. State law allows "a local agency" to declare an emergency in conditions "expressly including an epidemic, so long as the Mayor has determined and the Board concurs that there is a peril to health here," says Jessen. "Since it is legal we don't think there is any criminal liability."

While not wanting to attract the *legal* attention of Sacramento, others hope the needle exchange legalization will attract *political* interest. "We are hoping this will further draw attention to how critical it is to move on this right away," said Dr. Baxter. Mayor Jordan said that in the last two weeks he has been in touch with the governor, and is "working with him" on the issue. So far the City's action has garnered nationwide notice from CNN, the *Los Angeles Times*, and a short *AP* blurb in the *New York Times*.

State Assembly Speaker Willie Brown's assistant, Patsy Kurokawa, doubts that Jordan's action will have any direct impact. She noted that San Francisco would not have had to resort to "such extreme measures" had Wilson not vetoed needle exchange legislation last year. Kurokawa said Brown is piloting another needle exchange measure, AB260, through the State Legislature this year.

Lenore Tate, policy consultant to State Senator Diane Watson's Health and Human Services committee, is pleased, but as far as Wilson goes, she sighs heavily, saying, "We have a governor who is pro-law enforcement lock-'em-up, who does not have a clear understanding of substance abuse." Tate is, however, hopeful that the new regime in Washington will be sending a different message about needle exchange than it had previously.

Politics makes strange bedfellows, and in this case, even more so. George Clark suggests that Jordan's sympathy for Prevention Point may have come from his days on the SFPD. "[Jordan] grasped immediately that it was a way to diminish the risk for police officers on the beat. Because during pat-downs, if they are new syringes, they are more likely to be capped," resulting in fewer "accidental needle sticks," said Clark.

Clark added, "Although the Agnos administration supported us... Jordan is taking the extra step." Even those who deride Jordan as a "poorly dressed ill-spoken nepotistic putz" were willing to say, as John Watters, researcher with the Urban Health Study, did, "This guy did it. Maybe not as fast as I would like, but he did it." ✿

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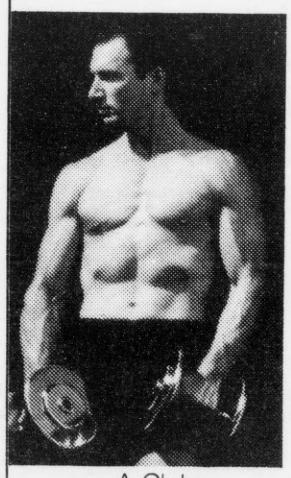

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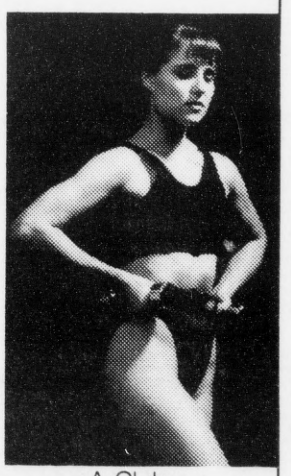

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It's Payback Time In Fremont:

Operation Rescue Meeting Scuttled by Pro-Choice Activists

250 abortion rights activists blockaded the Bethel Baptist Church, preventing members of Operation Rescue from holding a meeting as part of their "No Place to Hide" campaign.

Photo by Jane Philomen Cleland

by Tim Kingston

"This is what it feels like when you do this to women," yelled pro-choice activists as the head of an Operation Rescue zealot suddenly bobbed down and disappeared into an angry melee outside Fremont's Bethel Baptist Church on March 13. The anti-abortion activist was busy trying to squirm and ram his way through the pro-choice blockade at ankle level. A group of Fremont cops charged into the rugby-scrum and dragged the disheveled OR activist out of the crowd and into the safety of the church, where an anti-abortion meeting was being held.

"The harassment he suffered is so minimal," claimed Michelle Healy, of BACORR (Bay Area Coalition for Our Reproductive Rights). "Women have to fight their way into clinics for a medical appointment... [And] a woman missing her appointment at the clinic is putting her health in jeopardy." Healy added emphatically, "I hope he had a taste of what it is like."

The Operation Rescue planning meeting never did get under way. Pro-choice demonstrators, enraged by the assassination of abortion provider Dr. David Gunn in Pensacola, Fla., showed up early and blockaded both entrances to Bethel Church. Dr. Gunn was shot down by Michael Griffith of Rescue America, a sister group to Operation Rescue.

"The killing of the doctor is a fucking outrage," declared Rachel Jackson of Roots Against War. Chants of "Arrest Operation Rescue" and "Kill by day, bomb by night, that is the tactics of the Christian Right!" almost drowned her out as Jackson asserted, "This is a fucking declaration of war!"

For once the roles were reversed. Instead of helping women get into a clinic, pro-choice activists were trying to stop men from getting into a church—and by and large they succeeded. By 8:30 am angry protesters had not only prevented at least one vanload of Operation Rescue activists from getting in, but also discouraged a couple of carloads of abortion foes from entering the Bethel Church parking lot. In addition, the pro-choice blockade trapped a fuming Jeff White in the lot. White, executive director of OR-California, had flown up especially from Anaheim to attend the meeting. But BACORR reported that the only thing OR activists achieved was an impromptu meeting in the Fremont library parking lot.

Pro-choice activists were pleased. With only one arrest, and a completely disrupted OR meeting, the organizers of the blockade—BACORR, WAC (Women's Action Coalition), ACT UP/SF and Women Against Imperialism—were happy to declare victory. "[It was] a great success," grinned Healy.

GUNN BATTLE

Despite the success of their action, the motivation for the large pro-choice turnout was grim—the murder of Dr. David Gunn in Florida. Kass McMahon, executive director of the National Lawyer's Guild and a veteran BACORR activist, says she has seen the character of Operation Rescue activists become more violent over time as their organization has suffered political defeats—particularly with the election of President Clinton.

McMahon says the number of "ORs" showing up outside clinics in the Bay Area has fallen off. But, she says, this means "only the crazies are left—those who say, 'I don't have a movement behind me. I can do what I want.' " She warns: "These people will be the martyrs, and OR does not have to take the dive."

Attacks on clinics—by means of fire, acid and stink bombs—are up. Concord, Sacramento and Redding clinics have been fire-bombed—the Redding clinic has been burned three times in as many years. Harassment of clinic workers is way up: Anti-abortion activists are picketing the homes of doctors and clinic workers, even hassling their children. Clinicians and doctors find their names and home telephone numbers on "Wanted" posters displayed at Operation Rescue and other anti-abortion group rallies. In fact, this happened to Dr. Gunn before he was shot.

Jackson says Dr. Gunn's murder is a logical progression of Operation Rescue tactics. "It is just an escalation of the violence. It is a qualitative difference, but it is not like they have switched gears."

FREE SPEECH?

Jeff White, executive director of OR-California, first refused to comment on Dr. Gunn's assassination, preferring instead to talk about "30 million babies murdered." But eventually White relented, saying, "Obviously, any time a life is taken, it is a tragic event. You don't justify one life with another. Both are tragedies."

Dressed in a very butch Marlboro-Man raincoat, White pointed at the pro-choice blockade, saying that the violence "is certainly not on Operation Rescue's side—but there is a lot of hate over there." White contends the March 13 meeting was "for people who are new to the movement," not a strategy meeting.

Shortly thereafter, White got into a testy debate with an *SF Examiner* reporter who was trying to get White's reaction to Dr. Gunn's murder. White asserted that the main issue of the day was that Operation Rescue's freedom of speech and assembly were being violated: "If it was the press that was being censored, you would be all over it."

But actions speak louder than words. When White realized the *SF Bay Times* is the queer press, he promptly requested that the Fremont police eject this reporter from the premises, with scant respect for freedom of the press. To their credit, the Fremont PD ignored him.

Attempts to interview other anti-abortion organizers were equally unsuccessful. "I wouldn't give an interview to the *Bay Times* if my life depended on it," declared one, who promptly warned the other anti-abortion organizers that they were being menaced by the "homosexual press." (Nice to know our readership is expanding.)

HATE SPEECH!

"We want to show them that they are no longer going to be able to hide behind the skirts of the religious freedom that they would deny to everyone else," snapped Angela Bocage of BACORR, responding to White's pleas for free speech. "What is going on here today is not a planning meeting for them to express a free speech point of view. It is a planning meeting for terrorism and violence against women and violence against health workers."

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Ted Tuk says he had firsthand experience of Operation Rescue's prejudice when he helped defend a clinic in Redwood City. He charges that one anti-abortion activist not only harassed women trying to get into the clinic, but the anti-abortionist hassled any women of childbearing age in the vicinity—as well as harassing a Rasta who walked by.

"Their agenda is a Christian theocratic republic," declared Leslie Addison, outside the church wearing full clerical drag—white collar and all. "I don't think Operation Rescue has the slightest idea about Christianity. If Jesus were here they would be crucifying him now!"

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Betty and Pansy, Queer Michelin Guides, Dissect D.C.

In Sam D'Allesandro's story *The Zombie Pit*, the narrator and his girlfriend decide to visit every gay bar in San Francisco. Influenced by the tale, and responding to endless tourist queries—asked at A Different Light Bookstore where each works—about SF's coolest places, Betty and Pansy threw together *Betty and Pansy's Severe Queer Review of San Francisco* in October, 1991. It was the first SF gay listing in a decade. And it filled a void: 500 copies of the bitchy bar/club guide sold out in six weeks. Another 500-copy run released months later lasted just eight weeks.

Recognizing an unexpected hit, the two revised the tome: *B&P'sSQRofSF#2* appeared in time for Gay Day in 1992, and sold out 1,500 copies by August. For the latest version—*B&P'sSQRofSF#3*, replete with listings of cruising spots, gyms, lodgings and restaurants, as well as the City's 68 gay bars—the pair pressed 5,000 copies, which they're selling nationally. They also gussied up the seat-of-the-pants manual with cartoons by gonzo dyke Kris Kovick, and even—gulp!—advertisments (though not from establishments they review). And now, just in time for a certain end-of-April rights/pride march and attendant festivities, they've released *B&P'sSQR of Washington, D.C.*, which Betty spent three weeks researching last January.

The duo might seem unlikely bar reviewers. Both teach children by day. Pansy (not his Christian name) is a 38-year-old Miami native who's lived in San Francisco six years. Short and sporting shaggy hair and inevitable stubble, he has an air of child-like awe, and the aura of a seedy Buddha. Betty (not his Christian name) was born in Bangor, Maine, 26 years ago, and has lived in San Francisco four years. Puffing Camel Lights and squinting mischieviously through wire rim spectacles, he projects the image a derailed preppie.

Chatting in a room above the Castro's A Different Light Bookstore—where their invaluable books are readily available to paying customers—both freely acknowledge a libertine attraction to the places where, for willing gay men, sex is quick and easy—or at least easy. (For novices, the restroom version is called a "tearoom.") Both claim they're "white trash." And both profess sadness at the loss of, among other hotspots, Club Uranus, the freak show Sunday night drag-a-thon at the Endup which closed recently.

They say they share writing chores on the books, though, as Pansy says, "Betty does the typing." They finish each other's sentences, chide each other gently, crack each other up. It's just the kind of humor that makes their books—here's your book-cover plug, boys— charming, readable, razor-edged and, ultimately, indispensable guides to San Francisco's queer juke jernts and gathering spots, high, low and in-between.

(SF Bay Times) What is, or was, your biggest bar surprise in San Francisco?

(Pansy) The Tenderloin.

(Betty) What—that we weren't murdered?

(Pansy) We went into the Tenderloin, like, walking back to back, so that we were covered in all directions—but we got into the bars and had the *best* time. Everyone was superfriendly. Sometimes it was still a little scary—

Fragrant cherry blossoms, verdant pathways, and a guy with his pants around his ankles.

(Betty) They were superfriendly in a way that—well, we just weren't... *interested* in.

Meaning?

(Betty) Like that time Pansy was invited to join in that blowjob between that pre-op transsexual and that rough trade number in the bathroom.

(Pansy) I just said, "I'm sorry—I'm working now." (Laughs.)

What was the biggest disappointment in San Francisco?

(Betty) I think it's sad that a lot of people just go to the same place over and over, when they could go to, like, six or seven dozen bars. They have preconceived notions about entire *neighborhoods*. And some of the trashy places are a helluva lot more fun than places that are supposedly nice.

I also found it depressing that there *are* 70 neighborhood bars that have a crowd *seven days a week*. People can have really well-organized protests for really good causes that no one shows up to, but you can open a gay bar in any corner of this town, and it's going to be packed seven days a week. And it's sad how many people just *live* there; that's their life—work and that.

(Pansy) We learned a lot about bar crowds when we made our decision to stop drinking while we were working. We used to have a drink at every bar we went to—

(Betty) Or two! Or three!

(Pansy) Right. So we made a rule that we wouldn't drink anything except Cokes or Calistogas until the last bar. We began to experience what every bartender must experience every night: being sober while the crowd around you is fast becoming oblivious. And we discovered the Castro Country Club, where people go to do the same kind of socializing but never get trashed.

It's a sober place.

(Pansy) It's a caffeine rush. We enjoyed ourselves just as much there as anywhere else. Neither of us has quit drinking, but it was interesting observing ourselves looking at the trashed crowds and going, "Oh, this is us, too." (Laughs.)

IMAGINE ALL THE PEOPLE PUMPING UP THEIR PECS

What's happened to the whole Club Uranus/Chaos scene?

(Betty) (Mimes sobbing.) It's so SAD! We got picked up and shaken out on top of Colossus—and now we're Product! It's like the underground freaks, because they've been around, are now sharing space in the mainstream. It's weird. The muscle queens and drag queens are mingling really well, but I always feel like there's underlying tension.

(Pansy) Muscle queens are very insecure people, or they wouldn't spend a lot of time getting that way. What you need to do is to break the ice with them.

But it seems to me that all of a sudden, this huge segment of the clubgoing gay community is wearing Girbaud and Calvin Klein, and throwing snotty attitude. It seems like there's this wall *up around people.*

(Betty) I totally agree. I kind of liked it the old way—segregated. I like to go to one bar for one thing, and another bar for another thing. Product's one of the first bars where I'm, like, in the VIP room with the drag queens and it's, "Betty! Betty!"—then I go down to the basement and have sex on a couch with some muscle queen I don't know. So *that's* kind of nice... (Laughs.)

But the minute I leave the VIP room, I feel on

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very unsure ground. At Uranus, I felt like you could do what you wanted, and if anyone gave you trouble, you were protected.

(Pansy) I miss Uranus more than anything. To me it was the *only* club in the universe, of all the cities I've ever been to—it was the pinnacle.

A JUKEBOX IN THE CHAPEL?

Given that gay bars in the past served as a locus for searching queers, do you have a sense of how bars function now, in a community rife with support groups, religious organizations and social clubs?

(Betty) A lot of the bars are being left behind—places that used to be the major centers of activity. I mean, the Tricycle Race or the Emperor/Empress thing—it used to be that the *whole* gay community knew about these events. Not any more. It's sad.

(Pansy) I hear a lot of older bartenders in the city lamenting how the bar and club scene isn't the way it used to be.

(Betty) Well, there are *so* many bars where the bartender is the DJ and the barback—it's a one-man show.

Neighborhood bars are self-perpetuating, because they have the same crowd over and over.

(Betty) But eventually those people die. What's happening is the new, young queers are not hanging out there. We are not going to a lot of new bars to review them; and every time we have an addition, we have to delete something. When we first did the book, we listed 72; now it's down to 68. New clubs come and go all the time— but how many new seven-day-a-week bars are there opening up?

I SEE, YOU SEE, WE ALL SEE D.C.—SOON

Betty, you just spent a few weeks in Washington, D.C. What's the activist and young gay scene like there?

(Betty) The young gay scene is mostly, like, drinking in bars, going to Trax and taking Ecstasy. People were kind of pooh-poohing ACT UP and Queer Nation, saying they aren't very well attended, that there's a lot of infighting—I was like, "Huh—*that* sounds familiar!"

D.C. is a real company town—the government is the company. How does that influence its gay community?

(Betty) In San Francisco, everybody's against the government, the patriarchy, the military, the *status quo*. In D.C., it's just not an issue. People either work for the government, or their job relates to the government, or they're in the military, have been in the military or *work* for the military. So I'd say, "How does it feel to be gay and working for them?" They'd be like, "What? What do you mean?" (Laughs.) I was like, "It's kind of strange—you're gay, and going into the military in four days." They're, like, "Uh huh. So what's your point?" I was like, "*Never miiiiind*!"

What kind of diversity of bars did you see?

(Betty) Well, for the San Francisco books, we cross-referenced bars in the back: bars for drag queens, for Latino men and their admirers, for Asian men, and so on. In D.C., it was bars for gay men, bars for gay women, and bars for Black gay men. Period. See, in D.C., between 60 percent and 70 percent of the city population is Black, so there's a *huuuge* Black, gay community. But it's pretty segregated. It's not really *overt* racism. It's very East Coast—we're educated people, they do their thing, we do ours.

But when I *went* to the black bars, they were almost 100 percent black. When they saw that we were staying to hang out, they were *amaaaazingly* friendly and welcoming.

What's the biggest difference, in what you covered for the book, between D.C. and San Francisco?

(Betty) The cruising. More people there work for the government and the military, so they can't pick people up on the street. There are so many tearooms there—and because it's more repressed and closeted, it's more *ferocious* and *charged*. It's *really* hot.

Speaking of tearooms, I understand you went to the Pentagon.

(Betty) Yeah. A friend knew a Pentagon employee who claimed he'd had tearoom experiences there. So we had lunch at a cafeteria one day, then he took me on this tour. In the bathroom, there were these guys in uniform and in suits. He said, "There's a glory hole between the second

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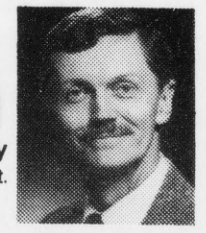

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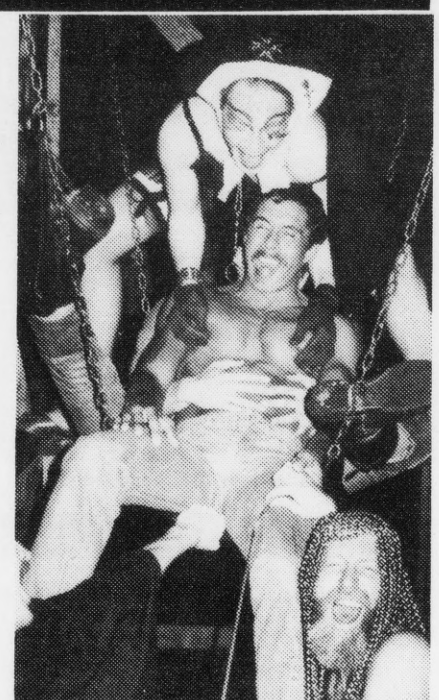
From Drags To Britches

When I was young, thin and preppy, I used to avoid drag queens like the plague. One night in Chicago, I had taken a cab to within a half block of the old Gold Coast, a popular leather bar. I met this leather guy who I liked and who liked me. We had sex occasionally. However, one evening at the Chesterfield, a popular drag-show bar, I saw my leather friend in a dress doing an impersonation of Fanny Brice! I realized my bones had been jumped by a drag/leather queen! Later I discovered the closets of many a hairdresser and interior decorator contain leather drag. And some leather guys' closets contain a few sequins.

At the time, that seemed to be quite a contradiction. But then I began to see drag in a different light. My preppy routine was also a form of drag. There are all kinds of drag we wear—not just on Halloween. So, although I never wore a dress, drag became an all-right night thing. Outrageousness and flamboyance became amusing and a sock in the eye to detractors of homosexuality. We, too, were acting out by approving and supporting drag shows and a lifestyle so abhorrent to the traditional values crowd.

Then one lusty Halloween in San Francisco, I met this masculine-looking guy who had on pink leotards and a turquoise jock strap. I liked him and he liked me (for almost an entire weekend) until I discovered he was comfortable wearing pink leotards and a turquoise jock strap out in public at high noon! The absence of masculine image was not on stage at a gay bar where I had invested no identity, but in my house and in my face.



The Sisters in a "Sling Scene." Photo by Rink

Many gays, myself included, regarded drag as something embarrassing. It's something nelly queens and people who work in saloons and hookers do. Not people we have in our homes.

Then I became aware of the serious political statements that some drags were making—the Black and Puerto Rican drag queens who started Stonewall, the satire of the Cockettes, the tremendous amount of activism and fundraising done by the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence. Drag was, and still is, cathartic defiance of a heterosexist, mainstream society we view from the outside. From the effervescent Sabrina (sort of a demented Vanna White) who graces the front desk at the *SF Bay Times*, to the glamorous Ru Paul (the rage of New York) who warbles on MTV, Oprah and the Arsenio Hall show, drag continues to challenge the boundaries of gender definition and what is "normal."

This relates to the battle we each wage between our secret feelings and the structures of a society which discourages being forthright about who we are, feeling and expressing anything that is different from the norm. It is not safe to be yourself. But ultimately, it is more healthy to be who you really are. If society were more accepting of the range between masculine and feminine, neither drag nor sex change would be as common or as great of an issue.

It's not only mainstream society that oppresses us. We do it to ourselves. Look at the Harvey Milk Democratic Club. They can't decide what their name should be. To be, or not to be (gay, lesbian, bi, transgender). What a drag! Masculinity (or the lack thereof) has always been an issue for all males—especially gay males. We each have struggled in our own way for empowerment in a society in which we work, live, try to love, and find our own way. Our appearance is our signature, a distinct expression of who we are in the world. Our attire, our mannerisms, our interests, what we own, what we do for a living, who we fuck, what we value, what we support, are all components of the total picture we present to the world of who we are. And our egos are tender.

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pinstripe suits, others under gang jackets. Some of us live somewhere between fantasy and reality. British philosopher Edmund Burke remarked, "Those who quit their proper character to assume what does not belong to them, are for the greater part both ignorant of the character they leave (behind) and of the character they assume."

Part of what leather dress and philosophy does for some gay men is prove that even though they suck cock, they're butch. Leather reinforces their identity in a netherworld of less-masculine gay men. Some leather men have told me they like the feel of leather next to their skin. Some are into the mystique, the archetype of masculinity and exhibitionism. Less masculine gay men can be unnerved by the butchest of the butch—and vice versa. All that lisping, snapping and screaming can bring a macho fantasy to a screeching halt, destroy the ambiance of macho-looking-for-macho.

Talk about a conflict in fantasies: Three nelly queens camping it up together can clear out a cruise spot in five minutes. Part of what sequins and feather boas do for effeminate gay men is prove they also can live out their fantasies. It takes courage for a man to walk down the street at high noon in full drag. One such man is John Wilhite. Wilhite is a former co-chair of BWMT-SFBA. He showed up at a rap on effeminate men resplendent in lipstick and earrings.

"I like wearing some articles of female attire—a dress, a skirt—with my male attire every day. I feel more comfortable. I catch more shit from other gay men about my effeminacy than I do from straights. We effeminate men get the brunt of internalized hatred in gay society. We are the most isolated, looked-down upon, and misunderstood. I think we remind masculine gay men of the stereotype, the female side that we all have that some of us want to suppress and hide.

"People confuse us with straight men, who like to wear women's clothes, and transsexuals all the time. Get it straight, girl! (Snap!) We are effeminate gay MEN who like to wear female attire! I very much like all of my body parts and wouldn't change a thing! You know, it was us drag queens who were out there kicking ass and taking numbers at Stonewall. It's the drag queens who have always done benefits, entertained, and raised funds for the gay community. It's the drag queens who have had the balls to make the first political statements about who we are."

Wilhite also noted that there is more camraderie between effeminate men and women than with masculine gay men. "We like masculine gay men, but they don't like us." Perhaps drag and gender fuck is barely tolerated in gay society because of the gay mainstream's desire for straight acceptance and approval. Many masculine men have avoided social encounters with effeminate men because they never know when a "Miss Thing" or a "Girl, puleeeeaze" is going to waft out of their mouths in front of other friends, business associates and family. Effeminate men do have a habit of spreading their chiffon around indiscriminately. You just might end up being called "Miss Thing" for no apparent reason. A real queen may embarrass you without necessarily meaning to do so.

In *The Naked Civil Servant*, Quentin Crisp confided, "I became not merely a self-confessed homosexual, but a self-evident one. That is to say, I put my case not only before the people who knew me but also before strangers. This was not difficult to do. I wore make-up at a time when even on women, eye shadow was sinful...From that moment on, my friends were anyone who could put up with the disgrace." Men who wear dresses must be strong enough to endure the nonacceptance and ridicule they receive from the straight world as well as their own.

One of my favorite writers, Gore Vidal, sums up the male ego best: "There is no such thing as a homosexual, no such thing as a heterosexual. Everyone has homosexual and heterosexual desires and impulses and responses...But trust a nitwit society like this one to think that there are only two categories—fag and straight—and if you are the first, you want to be a woman, and if you are the second, you're a pretty damn wonderful guy...Very few so-called fags are feminine in their ways, and very few heteros can be regarded as wonderful." ✿

news briefs by tommi avicolli mecca

Speaking Out Against Rape

SAN FRANCISCO - Women from non-nationalist women's organizations will be in the Bay Area from March 27-31 on a national tour condemning rape as a war crime and demanding that women's rights be recognized.

The tour, Mother Courage II, is sponsored by MADRE and coordinated locally by Speak Out and countless Bay Area human rights, women's and anti-war groups. In 1991, MADRE sponsored the Mother Courage Peace tour, bringing women from countries involved in the Gulf crisis to 18 U.S. cities in an international chorus of women's voices against the war.

Durda Knezevic of Croatia, Vera Litiricin of Serbia and Dr. Safija Sarich are opposed to the war that separates the people of their nations. Their five days in the Bay Area will include public panels, fundraising benefits, and community organizing to develop opposition to the war in the former Yugoslavia.

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White Supremacists Attack March Organizers

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Organizers of the April 25 March on Washington have turned over to the FBI a series of messages threatening violence against President Bill Clinton for his stand on queer rights.

Here's a sample of the trash from the trash:

"It looks like Bill Clinton, America's presidente and leftist leader, has some sort of love for homos and a secret fetish for men in uniform. Maybe that commie bitch wife of his has something to hide. Is Hillary really a He? Maybe she used to be a man or a faggot. With queers in the military, this nation's military strength will all but diminish...And if Bill Clinton can make it through his four-year term without a chunk of lead in his head...who really cares anyhow? Of course victory is ours."

"The sax-blowing, rich, white trash bastard was breaking promises before his inauguration date was even on the calendar. But, oh, how he loves the human race—black, brown, pink. Yes, pink, as in faggot."

The threats have not intimidated march organizers. Says Derek Livingston, march co-chair, "If anything, people, both gay and straight, are realizing more and more the importance of standing up to all forms of discrimination, bigotry and violence."

Waters Endorses March

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Rep. Maxine Waters (D-Calif.) has officially endorsed the April 25 March on Washington, and will hold congressional hearings on issues related to homosexuality in the African-American community.

"We have come a long way over the years in recognizing full legal and civil rights for all Americans," said Waters at a press conference. "This isn't about special rights or special privileges. It's about simple justice—ending discrimination against Americans because of their sexual orientation."

More than 200,000 people of color are expected to participate in the march. Says March Co-Chair Nadine Smith, "This march is unique in that the people-of-color communities are not on the periphery this time but have been involved on every level and at every stage of the planning of this event. We are not just the 'invited guest,' we're among the hosts."

Anti-Queer Violence Increasing

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Considering the recent mood in the country created by the religious right's move to nix gay/lesbian rights via the ballot box, it's no surprise that anti-gay/lesbian violence is on the rise.

According to the latest report from the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) released on March 11, violence against gay men, lesbians and bisexuals reached a record high in 1992. A total of 1,898 anti-queer incidents (a 4 percent increase over 1991; a 172 percent increase over five years ago) were reported to agencies in Boston, New York, Chicago, Minneapolis/St. Paul and San Francisco.

The report also cites a documented surge in violence against queers in Colorado and Oregon in the wake of anti-gay referenda in those states, and the victimization of gays in the military following the controversy over gays/lesbians in the armed forces.

Also on March 11, a press conference was held in San Francisco by Community United Against Violence to present the local hate crimes stats.

March Decries Murders In Latin America

SAN FRANCISCO - About 200 persons marched from 24th and Mission in the heart of the City's Latino community to the Castro to protest a wave of murders of gay men and transvestites in Latin American countries.

The March 19 protest was part of a series of such actions throughout the world. The San Francisco action was sponsored by the local La Red Latina Lesbica y Homosexual del Continente Americano.

Since 1991, over 30 gay men and transvestites have been killed and tortured in the Mexican state of Chiapas; in Brazil, over 1200 gay men and transvestites, and 37 lesbians have been murdered in the last 12 years.

To contact La Red, call (415) 252-8673.

Arab Queer Elected

SAN FRANCISCO - The city's Arab-American Democratic Club made history recently when it elected out gay Jean-Paul Samaha as its president.

Samaha, chief aide to Supervisor Terence Hallinan, currently serves on the Lesbian and Gay Advisory Board to the San Francisco Human Rights Commission. As political action chair of the Arab-American club, he was instrumental in getting the organization to endorse domestic partners legislation.

"I don't view this so much as a personal achievement, as I do the natural evolution of the gay and lesbian community into new communities," says Samaha.

ACTUP Blasts Congress & Clinton

SEATTLE - The honeymoon is over. The national body of the ACT UP Network is condemning Congress and President Bill Clinton for failing to lift the HIV immigration ban.

Clinton was faulted for not opposing the democratically controlled Congress in its March 11 vote in favor of legislation prohibiting immigration based on HIV status (the Nickles Amendment). ACT UP called on Clinton to veto the bill to which the ban is attached, and to issue an order freeing Haitian prisoners held at U.S. Guantanamo Naval Base because of their HIV status.

Says Michael Petrelis of ACT UP/D.C., "It's obvious the Congress and its democratic leadership are indifferent to people living with HIV/AIDS." Stay tuned for sure.

Abuse of Queer Youth Reported

BOSTON - Governor William Weld's Commission on Gay and Lesbian Youth, the first of its kind in the nation, recently issued its report on the abuse of queer youth in Massachusetts schools, recommending that school policies protect gay/lesbian students and teachers and counselors be trained in suicide prevention.

Other recommendations of the Feb. 25 survey include:

School-based support groups for gay and

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straight students in every high school; information in school libraries to provide resources for gay students and others; curriculums including gay/lesbian issues in each subject area; and peer support groups for parents of gays and family counseling in school in times of crisis.

Weld endorsed the report two days after it was issued.

Parade Grand Marshals Chosen

SAN FRANCISCO - Sandra Bernhard, Keith Meinhold, Angie Fa and Marlon Riggs are the grand marshals for this year's Lesbian/Gay Freedom Day Parade.

In case you don't know who they are, here's a quickie on each of the grand marshals: Comic Bernhard is the lesbian character on "Roseanne," the highest-rated TV show in America; Meinhold recently challenged the U.S. Navy's policy of discrimination against gays and lesbians; Fa is the first lesbian person of color to be elected to public office in the City (she's on the Board of Education); and Riggs, one of the country's most respected filmmakers, produced *Tongues Untied*, a look at racism in the gay community and homophobia in the Black community.

The parade is set for June 27 at 11 am at the Civic Center.

Prostitutes Attack Hallinan's Proposal

SAN FRANCISCO - Supervisor Terence Hallinan's proposal to regulate/legalize prostitution has drawn fire from the U.S. Prostitutes Collective, which wants all laws against the oldest profession eliminated.

Says the collective: "With the abolition of the prostitution laws, sex workers would be in a stronger position to insist on clients using condoms; work from premises rather than the streets; use the health resources that already exist without fear of ostracization; and claim their right to police protection against pimps, rapists and other violent men.

"In countries where legalization exists it has further trapped women in prostitution and institutionalized pimping by the state," says the collective. The group is also campaigning for "higher welfare benefits, student grants and wages, emergency housing and other resources so that no woman, man or child is forced by poverty into sex with anyone."

The collective is sponsoring English Collective of Prostitutes' Nina Lopez-Jones, author of *Prostitute Women and AIDS: Resisting the Virus of Repression*, at A Different Light Bookstore, 489 Castro, on March 30 at 7:30 p.m.

Native American Concerns Targeted

SANTA CLARA - Native American community leaders on March 11 introduced the results of a major needs assessment, conducted over a three-year period, concerning alcohol and other drug use among Indians in Santa Clara County, Calif.

Respondents identified the most important needs as community unity and preservation of culture, education, and dealing with alcohol and other drug abuse. The study supplies important demographic data on the local Native American population, with the recommendation that such information be used by planners to formulate more effective programs for this community.

For more info, call Laverne Morrissey at (408) 378-6805.

Initiative Violates Rights

BOISE - The attorney general of Idaho, Larry EchoHawk, says that the proposed anti-gay initiative from the Citizens Alliance prohibiting gay rights legislation anywhere in the state, could result in the squashing of rights for all citizens of that state.

"Those who stand to lose are not just homosexuals," says EchoHawk in an official opinion. "Rather, all Idahoans will suffer an abridgement of our most deeply held and cherished constitutional rights—the right to freedom of speech, the right to academic freedom in our universities, the right to free political debate in our governmental bodies and the right to live in a society where all members are protected equally under the law."

Citizens Alliance Chair Kelly Walton dismissed the report as "left-wing."

Meanwhile, in Florida, the American Family Political Committee of Florida—a group affiliated with the American Family Association—wants to ban gay rights laws statewide with a constitutional amendment it filed with the state Division of Elections. This is the group responsible for repealing Tampa's gay rights law last November.

More Boycotts Against Colorado

DENVER - Colorado continues to be in the news these days. Detroit has joined the growing list of cities across the nation which are boycotting Colorado, the first state in the nation to pass an anti-gay/lesbian/bisexual initiative (Amendment 2).

Also, the Support Network for Battered Women in San Francisco and the Santa Clara County Domestic Violence Council announced recently that they will not attend the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence's national conference in Denver. They are joined by the Latin American Studies Association, which says it will not hold its 1995 International Congress in Denver.

But the Colorado Bar Association will still be holding its convention in Colorado Springs, despite an alleged homophobic remark from the city's mayor.

The decision reverses a previous decision to hold the convention elsewhere. The group nixed Colorado Springs after Mayor Bob Isaac allegedly refused to include gays in his welcoming letter, quipping, "You mean I have to invite the queers?" The mayor denies saying it.

The official number of the Colorado Boycott is 1-800-4-BOYCOTT.

Christians Oppose Rights and Anti-Gay Attacks

AUGUSTA - Surprisingly, the Christian Civil League of Maine is opposing a statewide gay rights bill while calling for a legislative task force to look into ways to stop anti-queer violence.

"While we do not believe that a sweeping gay rights law is the answer, we are committed to finding the right answer—one that will ensure that no gay person living in this state will have to fear being the target of hate-filled violence," says Jasper Wyman, director of the league.

The Maine Chamber of Commerce, meantime, is supporting the gay rights bill, which has failed to pass on several occasions since its initial introduction in 1977.

Bits & Pieces

• Men who don't mind appearing in the buff for the AIDS Benefit Calendar can send a recent pic in shorts/swimsuit for consideration to artist Jeff Palmer, PO Box 34012, San Diego 92163. Since 1990, the calendar has contributed more than $85,000 to AIDS service agencies.

• Gay/bisexual men, substance abusers, and women and youth in high-risk situations are the targets of innovative AIDS prevention projects in 10 cities, to be announced April 2 by the U.S. Conference of Mayors in D.C. Grants totalling $1 million will be awarded to community-based groups and health departments in the 10 cities.

The Stop AIDS Project Players—safe sex performers, are raising consciousness in the gay community around issues of safe sex between partners of either status in their effort to increase understanding and communication. Photo by Rink

• The Gay Asian Pacific Islander Network of Washington, D.C., will host an Asian-only conference—"Empowerment, Visibility, Unity"—on April 24, the day before the March on Washington. The conference will take place at the Friends Meeting House, 2111 Florida Ave., N.W., in D.C. Following the conference an Asian-only reception will be held. For info, call (202) 387-0055.

• The Human Rights Campaign Fund has hired California gay activist Tony Cheek to head its Speak Out program on the West Coast. He will run the operation through the Campaign Fund's Los Angeles office.

• The Lesbian, Bisexual and Gay United Employees at AT&T will be holding their second annual international conference. This year's event is scheduled for May 19-22 at the Washington Marriott Hotel. For info, call (301) 608-4594.

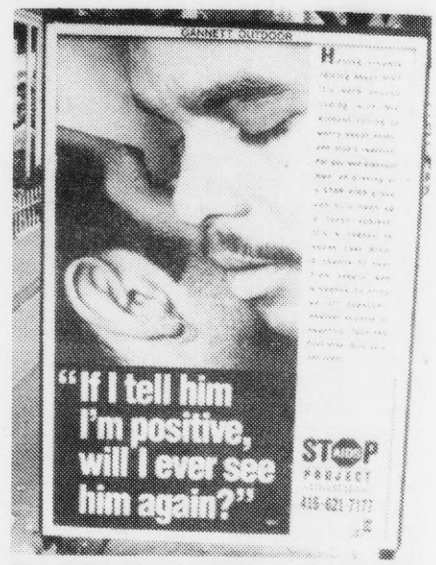
• Those who want to share a home in a safe and attractive neighborhood at an affordable rent with other queers should join Gay and Lesbian Outreach to Elders and Innovative Housing for a Lesbian and Gay Intergenerational Housing Workshop March 27 and April 17 from 10 am to noon at Operation Concern, 1853 Market St. The workshop is directed at seniors and those in mid-life. For more info, call (415) 346-0267 or (415) 626-7000.

• National Coming Out Day, which sponsors an annual day to celebrate being open about queerness, will merge with the Triangle Institute, the nonprofit organization affiliated with the Human Rights Campaign Fund. The move will allow National Coming Out Day to "become a truly national year-round campaign," says Jean O'Leary, co-founder and former co-chair.

• The Women's Philharmonic was awarded a $75,000 challenge grant from the National Endowment for the Arts to support its Lili Boulanger Award, an artistic initiative for women composers. With this grant as seed money, the Philharmonic is expected to raise $225,000 in private dollars during the next three years.

• Brian Carmichael, the California Medical Facility inmate who alleges he was retaliated against by the Vallejo prison for organizing a hunger strike for better medical care for PWAs, has been released from administrative segregation. He told *SF Bay Times* that he was let go for "insufficient evidence."

• Gregory Adams, known in the Bay Area as a fundraiser, event promoter and political advocate for the rights of people of color and the HIV-infected, has been hired as the new national communications director for the April 25 March on Washington. He will be located in the march's D.C. office for the next two months.



Bus shelter advertisement as part of the Stop AIDS Project's campaign to lessen the divisions between HIV+ and HIV- men. Photo by Rink

• March 22-29 is Filipino AIDS Awareness Week in San Francisco, coinciding with the third anniversary of the Filipino AIDS Hotline. As part of the week, AIDS informational materials will be distributed around Filipino shopping centers in the City.

• A benefit dinner will be held for Legacy Oral History Project, which preserves the artistic legacies of dance community members at risk (including those with AIDS), on April 6 at Acorn Tea & Griddle, 1256 Folsom at 6 and 8 pm. For info, call (415) 255-4800.

• The Santa Fe Legislature has never had so much reaction to a measure before. Guess what the subject of that bill was? Queer rights, what else. The result? The gay rights law was killed in a committee vote. But supporters say they'll be back again.

• Parents and school officials in Bee Branch (that's its real name, folks), Arkansas, don't want queers teaching a course on AIDS in the local schools. Not surprisingly, they don't want the course at all, but if it has to be taught, as state law requires, then it should be by someone "known by the community as morally upright." No word yet on what School Supe Waco (real name) Sutterfield will do.

• A gay rights measure is on its way in St. Paul, Minn. The bill passed on preliminary approval in the Senate and final passage in the House.

• Neal Snow, a 21-year-old student in Portland, Maine, is trying to find out if he can sue—under the city's new gay rights law—the local Boy Scouts for refusing to let him work at a summer camp because he's queer. The Boy Scouts of America has a longstanding policy of excluding gay men.

• A bill to repeal the Arkansas sodomy laws was voted down in a Senate committee. The lone vote in favor of nixing the archaic laws was a legislator who said his gay son helped raise his consciousness about queer issues.

• From our nation's campuses: In Madison, the union for University of Wisconsin-Madison teaching assistants wants health insurance benefits for domestic partners of same-sex couples. In Milwaukee, the president of Marquette University finally agreed to meet with protesters who want the Catholic school to stop discriminating against queers. Rev. Albert DiUlio Jr. says the school cannot, for legal reasons, add sexual orientation to its non-discrimination policy. In Salt Lake City, students are campaigning against the establishment of a campus queer organization. They want area students and businesses to withdraw support of the college should it recognize the gay/lesbian/bisexual group. Says a homophobic organizer, "They have the right to start a club. We have a right to oppose them."

AP also contributed to this report. ✿

Letters...

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Sexist Stereotyping

The following letter was sent to Queer Nation/National Capital:

The front page of the *San Francisco Examiner* (Feb. 21) read, "An odd alliance tries to 'out' nominee Reno." The article describes the "alliance" as one between Queer Nation and a right-wing crusader who campaigned against Janet Reno. Queer Nation/San Francisco had a lively discussion about the outing of Janet Reno and the potential political consequences of such an "alliance."

We feel that the assumptions upon which you based your "evidence" concerning Janet Reno's sexuality are dangerously sexist and ultimately (in light of your "source," a homophobic right-wing fundamentalist) anti-queer as well. Your target seems to be misplaced. Why not focus on homophobic public figures who promote anti-queer hatred, like John Thompson for instance? Or David Souter, a single, childless man about whose sexuality no one, including Queer Nation, ever batted an eye during his confirmation hearings?

The entire process of finding a candidate for attorney general has been one of sexist stereotyping. Regardless of what we think of Zoe Baird or Kimba Wood, their nominations were rejected based on issues having nothing to do with their politics or their ability to serve as attorney general. The focus was on their childcare practices—a very convenient way for a patriarchal government to dismiss women based on their gender.

Certainly you don't agree with society's sexist assumptions about women who do not have children or get married: that they're all lesbians. What makes you think that Zoe Baird and Kimba Wood *aren't* lesbians? The fact that they're married, with children? Your actions ignore the political importance of choice when it comes to lifestyle. The outing of Janet Reno, based on the "evidence" you had to go on, was anti-lesbian. Queer Nation/San Francisco is not willing to compromise on issues of feminism just to be able to out someone based on information supplied by our enemies.

Maybe Janet Reno is a lesbian. You haven't convinced us that she is, nor have you shown that anything positive has been gained by outing Reno. In fact, the outing actually did a disservice to the queer community by upstaging the *real* queer news of the day: Although Clinton lifted the ban on HIV-positive immigrants entering the United States, the Senate ruled that immigrants who are HIV-positive cannot immigrate to the United States. This specifically homophobic act has grave consequences, especially for HIV-positive people of color, and has far more impact upon the queer political climate than Janet Reno's sexuality.

Queer Nation/San Francisco believes in the concept of outing. But we also believe that outings should be prioritized to focus primarily on those closeted homophobes who harm our community with their right-wing behavior and goals.

Lastly, we would like to ask that, in the future, if you are representing the group, you identify yourselves as Queer Nation/National Capital, not just Queer Nation. Since we are not a centralized national organization, each chapter should be clear to the media, to the extent possible, about who they are representing. We also hope you take our comments in the spirit in which they are offered: to further queer visibility without losing sight of who our enemies are and the danger of being perceived as aligning with them.

Kathy Seeley
Michael Lefkowitz
Queer Nation/San Francisco

The Loss of E. Kitch Childs

Friends and colleagues of E. Kitch Childs, well-known African-American psychologist and psychotherapist, recently learned of her death on Jan. 10 in Amsterdam, Holland, where she had been living since 1991. Kitch, who practiced in Oakland from 1972 to 1990, died in her sleep of natural causes, presumably complicated by hypertension.

For several years before she left for Europe, the major part of her work had been providing psychotherapy to people of color with AIDS. She had also worked with prostitutes' rights organizations in this country and internationally. As a psychologist she was committed to understanding women's lives ever more deeply and to supporting alliances among women and among all people of color. Her network both within and outside of what she called The Community of Color extends beyond the Bay Area to Chicago, where she practiced for several years before moving here, and to Europe. Memorials have been or will be held in Paris, Amsterdam and Chicago, as well as in the East Bay and in Atlanta at the annual national meeting of the Association for Women in Psychology, of which she was one of the founders in 1969.

Kitch was a distinguished feminist, a clinical psychologist acutely aware of issues affecting minority women especially, and men as well.

Colleagues, former clients and friends will gather for a celebration of her life on Saturday, March 27, at the West Branch of the Berkeley Public Library, 1125 University Ave. (near San Pablo), under the auspices of the Feminist Therapy Institute and other organizations Kitch was part of. For more information, if necessary, you may call Jan Faulkner (510) 841-4888 or Jeanne Adleman (415) 585-0666.

Jeanne Adleman
San Francisco

Lies of Omission

In response to your story on retaliation at the California Medical Facility at Vacaville ("There They Go Again," *SF Bay Times*, March 11) I had begun, once again, to detail the chronology of retaliation that is occurring at CMF, but after having filed four pages from September, October and November 1992 —before the retaliation started getting bad—I've set all that aside and will cut right through the shit to this:

Both the CMF spokesperson/propaganda minister Kernan, and the ombudsman-from-Berlin O'Ran, took great liberties with the truth in their statements to *SF Bay Times'* writer Tim Kingston. At the very least they intentionally committed lies of omission.

When Kernan acknowledged unprofessional "communication," perhaps he was referring to the Jan. 20 incident when, while Charles Perry, Peter Yvanovich, Laos Schuman and I were waiting to see the counsels from the Assembly Committee on Public Safety, an officer (who had been harassing Perry and me for months) stated that either we, or the counsels, were "the snivelers' committee" and "full of shit." Then, upon being asked to clarify his comments, the officer stated, "Shut your fucking mouth, punk." Shortly after the officer was disciplined for that incident of "communication," he followed me to the prison warehouse, assaulted me and then filed fraudulent disciplinary charges against me (which were later dismissed) for "resisting staff."

When I was locked up on Ad Seg status Feb. 23 it was in response to an officer telling S&I that "if there's a conspiracy, Carmichael is probably involved." That is how the entire "conspiracy investigation" started! If there are any "anonymous witnesses," they were discovered in the basement S&I offices, days after the alleged "conspiratorial conversation"; not one single inmate "came forward" or otherwise volunteered this information. These "anonymous witnesses" were produced from S&I interrogations, and considering the techniques used on inmate Lewis, the only surprising thing is that the prison doesn't have more "anonymous witnesses."

Another lie of omission is when Kernan says inmate Lewis was examined by a physician after making the allegations that he was threatened and assaulted by S&I officers in the basement. He "forgot" to tell you that it was five days later before Lewis was examined.

Yet another lie of omission is ombudsman

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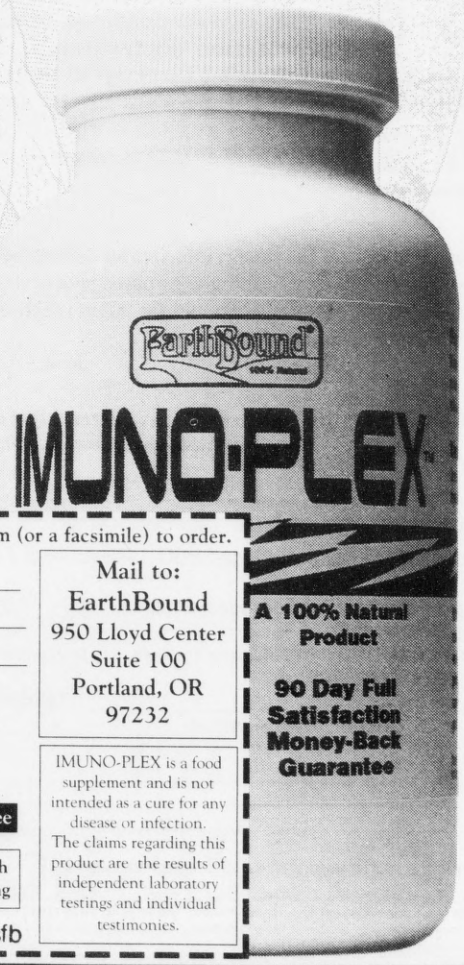

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Understanding Dementia and Neurological Disorders

An Interview with Elyse Singer, M.D.

by Denny Smith

Of all the difficulties associated with HIV, those involving the nervous system may be the most troubling and least understood. Many neurologic problems are broadly associated with opportunistic illnesses, or with the side effects of certain drugs. However, HIV itself can have a number of effects on the nervous system, ranging from subtle to serious disorders. It is important to know that many of these respond to treatment.

Direct HIV involvement can impair cognitive (thinking) or motor (coordinated movement) abilities, but it should be distinguished from neurologic symptoms of infections and malignancies that can appear in the wake of immune suppression, such as toxoplasmosis, CMV or herpes encephalitis, cryptococcal meningitis, progressive multifocal leukoencephalopathy (PML), neurosyphilis and lymphoma. A fairly reliable diagnosis and treatment "pathway" has been established for most of these.

Other problems of the nervous system can be "iatrogenic" in nature, meaning they are the unintentional and sometimes unavoidable effects of medical treatment. Examples are the peripheral neuropathy that can result from the use of ddI, ddC or vincristine, or myopathy (muscle damage) that can follow the long-term use of AZT, or delirium sometimes associated with ddI or ganciclovir.

Some neurologic symptoms are easy to confuse with depression and sleep disorders, which can be a natural response to the stresses of living with HIV. But chronic, immobilizing depression or sleeplessness warrant treatment with appropriate therapy or drugs.

Since opportunistic illnesses, drug toxicities or depression are often either urgent or easy to treat, they are likely to be considered first when someone goes to their doctor with a neurologic symptom. In contrast, cognitive or motor disorders caused directly by HIV may be the least urgent, clinically speaking, and the last treated of nervous system diseases.

HIV may colonize the brain, nerves and muscles early in the infection, but this process is clinically "silent" in most people until they are immune suppressed. Fortunately, the virus does not directly infect neurons, which are the circuits of consciousness and memory. Nevertheless, for reasons explored below, even non-neuronal HIV neurologic activity can lead to serious deficits in cognitive and motor functions in some people.

At one time, all neurologic deficits caused directly by HIV were ominously described as "AIDS dementia complex." That has given way to the more accurate, if more clumsy, "HIV-associated cognitive and motor complex." Dementia can be part of this complex, but it is only a late development in a spectrum of cognitive or motor deficits. Limited research so far suggests that these deficits can respond to treatment.

In other words, HIV can impair the way people think and move, but that impairment may be reversible given the preservation of neurons and intervention with effective therapies.

We asked HIV neurologist Elyse Singer, MD, to share her experience and expertise with HIV neurologic disease. Dr. Singer is an assistant professor of neurology at the UCLA Medical School.

(AIDS Treatment News) How extensive are nervous system problems in HIV disease, and what is their relationship to HIV dementia?

(Dr. Singer) In the past, there was a tendency to lump together all HIV involvement of the central nervous system as dementia. But many people did not meet the criteria for dementia that would be applied to other diseases, such as Alzheimer's. Dementia is a persistent, disabling loss of cognitive function, and may be caused by damage to the brain from a number of diseases. Some people with HIV neurologic impairment have mostly motor symptoms, and some patients have minor, rather than major, cognitive problems. So it is inappropriate to call them demented.

Minor involvement means that someone is slightly below their baseline in terms of their ability to think or use their motor skills. Dementia would involve a persistent cognitive deficit that disables a person from doing their work or activities of daily living. If people are so disabled, they may be given a diagnosis of dementia.

In perhaps one- to two-thirds of people with dementia, there is an associated problem with the spinal cord called vacuolar myelopathy. The symptoms of this are difficulty walking and trouble with bowel and bladder control. Infrequently, you might see this myelopathy without dementia. Dementia is a term that has very important medical and legal implications, and it carries a lot of social stigma for people. It should not be applied indiscriminately.

For those reasons and others, a lot of people are very afraid of developing dementia.

Yes. I think that along with the fear of pain, people are really afraid of becoming demented. Thus they are afraid either to admit they have symptoms of cognitive disorders, or to get treatment for those symptoms. I think it's important to stress that there are now treatments available for many cognitive problems, and that early treatment improves the chances for recovery.

Could you help with some definitions? I think a lot of people are confused about the difference between myopathy and myelopathy, and between the central and peripheral nervous systems.

Central nervous system refers to the brain and spinal cord, and peripheral nervous system refers to nerves and muscles. Meningitis, encephalitis, myelopathy, cognitive disorders and infections like toxoplasmosis are diseases of the central nervous system; neuropathy and myopathy are diseases of the peripheral nervous system. It would be nice to have another word for myelopathy, which is a spinal cord disease involving myelin, to distinguish it from myopathy, which is a disease of the muscles.

To make matters more complicated, myelin is a component of both the central and peripheral nervous systems, right?

Yes. It's a covering around the nerve cell. One of the functions of myelin is to speed up transmission of nervous impulses. Demyelination can cause these impulses to slow or even stop.

Some cognitive and motor lapses seem to be hard to distinguish from simple tiredness. How do you know when to be concerned? What are the clinical signs of HIV neurologic disorders that physicians and their patients should watch for?

It can be very helpful to first assess the stage of an individual's HIV disease. People with very high CD4 levels rarely get severe cognitive problems. They may have other neurologic problems, perhaps some unrelated to their HIV infection. Among the possibilities early in HIV disease are aseptic meningitis and some of the auto-immune neuropathies, like Guillain-Barr. Less frequently, we see some of the muscle diseases. Significant cognitive dysfunction is not frequently seen before the appearance of other signs and symptoms of AIDS, or before the CD4s fall significantly.

But everyone should be aware of the signs of neurologic difficulties. Problems that develop slowly are those such as balance difficulties, weakness or loss of feeling in the arms or legs, any loss of vision or the ability to communicate, a persistent loss or change in memory, concentration or attention. Someone having unexpected difficulty balancing their checkbook or remembering a frequently dialed telephone number, or getting lost in familiar places, are examples of deficits that should be evaluated. Severe, persistent headaches should take you to an emergency room fast, especially if they are associated with fever, stiff neck, nausea or vomiting, or any visual symptoms.

Are the more gradual symptoms something that the affected person would notice?

Generally, yes. But in the case of behavioral or cognitive problems, it's often the affected individual's partner or family that notices changes. These can be somewhat difficult to differentiate from depression or from some of the side effects of drugs, either prescription or street drugs. When people think of dementia, they may conjure up an image of someone like "Dr. Demento," or they may think of their grandmother who had Alzheimer's disease. People with AIDS dementia rarely look like this, especially in the early stages. First of all, it's a process that often begins very subtly. Of course, early on is the best time to diagnose and treat it.

The first thing many people start to notice is a persistent problem with memory, like retrieving words or names or associations. This suggests a subcortical problem, which primarily affects the inner part of the brain. In subcortical deficits, people can respond to cueing. In other words, if someone offers the person a hint, they can retrieve what they want to remember. Someone with

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Alzheimer's will not respond to cueing.

HIV cognitive problems usually begin with a general slowing down—not so much being different from your normal self. Reading, writing and understanding other people are not generally affected until late in the disease.

So HIV is not associated with the erratic behavior that people usually connect to the word "dementia"?

For the most part, no. In fact, it might have been easier to get funding for HIV neurologic research if people only displayed frightening behavior. But in most cases, especially in early stages, people rarely display grossly impaired judgment or odd behavior. It's really quite subtle and can be overlooked by everyone, including the patient's doctor.

There is a subset of patients who present with a more psychiatric picture of AIDS dementia. I emphasize that this is a relatively small group. These people will present with psychiatric symptoms like mania, or with a delirium, in which they become acutely confused, wander around, do unusual and bizarre things. These people get identified very fast because they are troublesome to other people. But they hardly represent the majority of people with AIDS-related central nervous system disease. And of course, before you decided that this was dementia, you would want to know if they were doing any recreational drugs, or if they had an opportunistic brain infection, or if they had a history of psychiatric disease that was reactivated under stress.

Does dementia ever overlap with mental illness unrelated to HIV infection? I've known of people with a history of bipolar disorder which seemed to be exacerbated by HIV.

Yes. Many times people with a history of depression will have a new episode when they find out they're positive. And there's some research suggesting that bipolar patients are a bit overrepresented in AIDS clinics.

The average person with HIV cognitive problems does not usually get identified until they are quite advanced, because they are not out there making problems for people. They are just slowing down, doing more poorly as time goes on. Often they are ill enough physically that they have already stopped working. I see a lot of people who have a minor cognitive or motor disorder. They are still working, often in professional jobs, often people who are quite bright, who are very quick to pick up on their cognitive dysfunction. They

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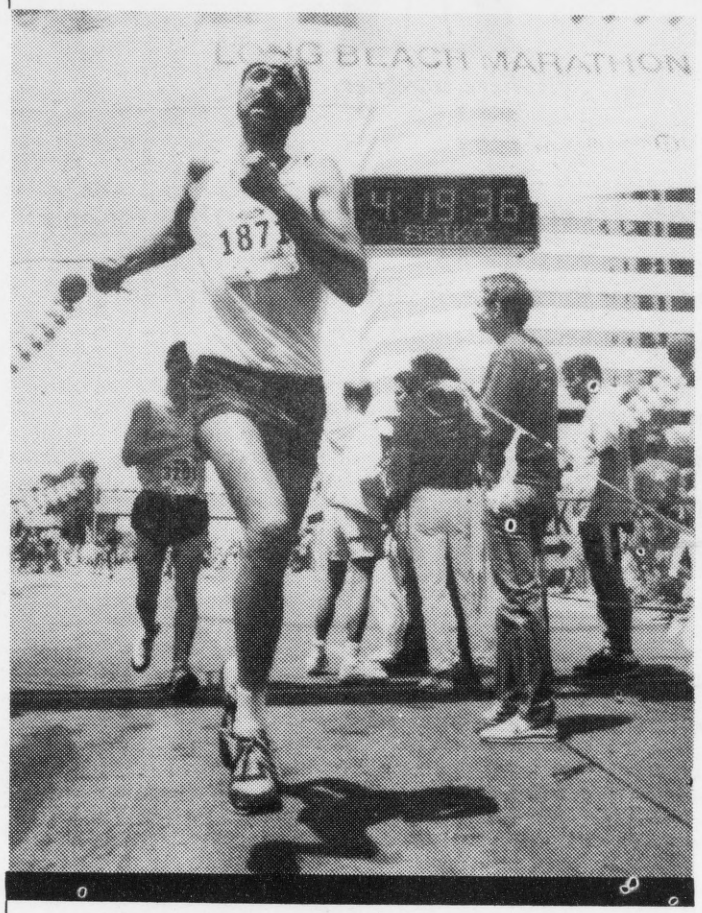

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want to continue to participate in the mainstream of life as long as possible; they want any cognitive problems treated as early and aggressively as possible.

I understand that some important cells of the nervous system—neurons in particular—are not infected by HIV. So where does neurologic damage originate?

It would appear that in most adults HIV enters the nervous system at the time of initial infection. Usually there are no symptoms. We don't know exactly how HIV penetrates the nervous system, but we think one way it may get in is by hitching a ride on cells called monocytes, or macrophages, which can pass through the blood/brain barrier. Once inside, they infect other cells. The cells eventually infected are those that are not actually brain tissue. There are a lot of cells in your head that are not brain cells, per se; they can be infected with HIV and can live a long time with this infection. During this time, they can infect more cells, and can serve as a reservoir for HIV production.

If brain tissue isn't infected, what impairs cognition?

We are still in the process of answering that question. We do know of several ways that the virus can indirectly injure those brain cells. This is a new idea in neurology, and holds broad implications for treatment of other neurologic diseases.

First of all, some of the individual component proteins of HIV, like gp120, appear to be toxic to neurons. A second mechanism by which damage can occur is actually initiated by your own defenses. Your body's immune system responds to the presence of the virus by making cytokines, which may cause cell damage at chronically high levels.

A third pathway for indirect damage to brain cells arises when the metabolism of normal compounds in the brain is disturbed by HIV infection. An example can be found in the transfer of amino acids from food digestion into the brain for the manufacture of neurotransmitters, which allow brain cells to communicate with one another. When they are out of balance, you see disturbances of mood, thinking, motor ability and sleep patterns, and so on.

And in addition to all of that, there may be other substances that result from the HIV infectious process, like nitric oxide, prostaglandins, and leukotrienes—basically the products of immune inflammation—that could cause cell damage.

The next question, of course, is whether there are treatments to counter this damage.

Yes, the good side is that since neurons themselves are not infected, we can look for drugs, some of which are already available, to block some of the indirect injuries. There is even a way of screening drugs, to see if they have some potential to be effective in treating these problems. Trials of these drugs are in various stages.

What you said about cytokines reminds me of something Dr. Larry Waites has always maintained—that AIDS is not an immune deficiency so much as a dysfunction of immune responses.

I agree with that. We had a very oversimplified view of AIDS in the beginning. We thought that HIV simply depleted the immune system, and if you could stop that process, the war would be over. In point of fact, one of the things that goes wrong in HIV disease is an overactivation, an inappropriate activation, of certain immune responses. So you have excess cytokines and inflammatory processes causing fevers, exaggerated allergic reactions, disturbed sleep, and wasting.

Would anti-inflammatory agents like aspirin be helpful? What about some of the other drugs discussed as treatments for cognitive disorders—antiretrovirals, the amphetamines, the B vitamins, the "smart drugs"?

I'm not sure if anti-inflammatories are helpful. Concerning the antiretrovirals, AZT and ddI may have a protective effect against dementia. High-dose AZT, 1000 mg a day or more, can reverse many of the neuropsychiatric abnormalities in AIDS dementia patients. However, one problem is that only a fraction of the current antiretroviral drugs cross the blood-brain barrier, and so very high doses must be sent through the bloodstream to obtain a positive neurological effect. You may end up bombing the village in order to save it, to borrow an image from the Vietnam War.

Another avenue is to treat the symptoms. Some motor slowing can be reversed temporarily by the use of ritalin and other stimulant drugs. But this would be a poor choice of drug to give someone who was already manic. And these drugs do not make you smarter, they just make you faster and more functional. This is OK for getting to the bathroom, but not so much for driving a car. They will not improve your judgment.

So there is no therapeutic activity from amphetamines on the underlying problem, just improved function of the neurons that are already functioning.

Right. It's symptomatic treatment.

Why are B vitamins relevant?

In terms of B12, we clearly know that people with HIV frequently develop B12 deficiencies. These deficiencies, and others, may indeed play a role in demyelination. Unfortunately, you may have normal blood levels of B12 and other nutrients but not be getting enough to the brain because of a problem with the transport protein responsible for getting it there.

So it's possible that you could hammer someone with high-dose B12, and still not address the neuro deficiency because of this transport problem?

That is possible; the studies just haven't been done to prove or disprove it.

Speaking of metabolic pathways, what about the endocrine connection? It is known that certain hormones can function as neurotransmitters.

It's very well-documented that in HIV infection the hypothalamic/pituitary/adrenal axis is disturbed, and this may lead to very high levels of cortisol in the blood. These levels are also high in the brain, and this may be bad for your brain cells. Cortisol may also exacerbate the damage caused by other neurotoxins. It's another instance of having too much of something that is usually a good thing. We found that when compared to people with HIV who were asymptomatic, people with AIDS dementia and other neurologic symptoms have high levels of cortisol and low levels of certain neurotransmitters in the spinal fluid. Imbalances of the neurohormones and neurotransmitters can be associated with dysfunctions of thought and mood and memory.

This is an area that remains underexplored. In other diseases, we may not fix the original problem, but we control the symptoms. It may be that if we can identify some of the specific pathways or hormones or transmitters that are disturbed by HIV, we can target drugs to relieve these symptoms. This could help people to remain functional and comfortable.

Can you identify an early cognitive deficit and treat it before it becomes disabling?

I have a patient who is ordinarily a very high-functioning individual, someone who uses his brain a lot in a very productive job, and now he's having some cognitive problems. He certainly does not have dementia, but he has the potential to get there. At first the symptoms were controlled with high-dose AZT, and he had a great year and a half. Then we had to slow down the dose to 400 mg a day because he developed some medical problems from so much AZT. As soon as we did that, his neurological functions got worse again. We're going to try other antiretrovirals, or nimodipine.

But the point is, he is really upset and feeling like he's the only person in the world in his situation. I think there has been a lack of attention to the needs of these people. Perhaps this stems from the social misconceptualization of dementia, of drooling people rummaging through garbage cans. But my patient is more representative of people with cognitive disorders: people who are functioning below their baseline, who are worried about getting worse because they want very badly to keep working.

There hasn't been much of a push from the scientific community or the activist community for practical, clinical treatments for cognitive problems, except for peptide T. The ACTG trials have run into a lot of red tape and trouble with funding. And I think there is a lot of embarrassment and confusion in the community about cognitive problems in HIV disease. This may be a response to the reactionaries out there who suggest that everyone with AIDS is demented, which is not true, or that all people with cognitive difficulties cannot take charge of their own lives,

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Letters...

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Direct-action group La Red held a demo at 24th and Mission on Mar. 19 protesting the increase in murders of gays in Mexico. Mexican authorities have declared that investigations into the killings will begin "as soon as gay men stop dessing like women." Photo by Jane Philomen Cleland

O'Ran's slick statement that on any given week in this prison you could find similar incidents of discipline. While that's true, he "forgot" to tell you that in nearly every case of discipline, prisoners' rights are violated. In fact, when the Public Safety counsels were here last week, Kernan and O'Ran tried to explain to them why my last two disciplinary hearings were held when requested witnesses would be "unavailable" (i.e., a Sunday morning and a Thursday night); why I wasn't allowed to question the officers making the charges against me; why I wasn't allowed to present documentary evidence, etc., etc. The answer? "But you'll find similar incidents throughout the prison." (That is, "It's not retaliation; we violate everyone's rights that way.) To which the chief counsel responded, "That is not a satisfactory explanation to give the California Legislature." Amen to that!

I have now been in Ad Seg over three weeks "under investigation"; I have not been officially "charged" with anything, and I am not confined to my cell without privileges—I was moved out of my cell, separated from all my personal belongings and moved to a maximum security Administrative Segregation Unit where, on average, I am locked in my cell 23 hours a day.

Staff described my comrade Charles Perry as "boisterous," "loud," "angry" and "disruptive." Thank God! What does/can anyone expect us to feel? After watching so many of our friends suffer needlessly and die (how I hate this word) "prematurely," without anyone being held accountable, you're damn right we're angry. We're so angry we're willing to risk our health and well-being, as well as our freedom, to stand up and say this is wrong. If the truth is "disruptive," that bespeaks a much bigger problem.

We have been experiencing retaliation for months and have endless documents and legal letters to verify it. The reason we haven't brought this to the attention of the public and the press is because we didn't want to distract from the more serious issues: AIDSphobia, discrimination, homophobia, bigotry and deliberate indifference to the medical needs of prisoners, particularly prisoners with AIDS.

So while there have been significant gains made in the medical care issues, there are still many issues left that threaten every gain. I am very uncomfortable with all of the attention being focused on retaliation. Every objective reviewer will tell you retaliation has been and is going on here. But the CMF and CDoC would much rather discuss retaliation—which they can deny endlessly—than discuss, for example, why officers are allowed to call inmates "queer" and "faggot"; why HIV test results are not kept confidential; why HIV-positive prisoners are segregated, denied jobs, privileges and visits with their wives; why callous and bigoted medical staff still work in the hospital; why custody staff still interfere with medical decisions; why Warden Ingle is still in charge of the prison; why the truth has become so disruptive. Yes, I imagine the prison is much happier fending off charges of retaliation than when we demand respect and accountability. This bothers me. I do not want to become a pawn in their strategy. Retaliation is a given. Now let's move on, back to the issues from which we are being distracted: respect, equality, justice, accountability and human rights.

Brian Patrick Carmichael
Vacaville

Vacaville Abuses

The following letter was sent to Vacaville Prison:

We are writing to express our outrage at the retaliatory charges against Laos Schuman, particularly the threats to remove him from his position as head of Pastoral Care Services and transfer him to another prison. These threats seem to mark a further escalation of the retaliation against Laos, Brian Carmichael and Charles Perry. It is clear to us that these moves are meant to punish these and other prisoners for speaking out against abuses in the California Medical Facility at Vacaville.

The actions taken against Laos are particularly cruel. Pastoral Care Services is one of the few positive things to come out of CMF during this dark period in its history. Laos is the second capable leader of PCS to be removed or threatened with removal from the position since its inception. Will the CDC continue to remove any prisoner who doesn't follow the administration party line? These actions contradict your own claims to support PCS. We can only conclude that they represent an attempt to sabotage this crucial program.

CMF has earned more than six months of bad press since the deterioration of medical care in 1992, in media ranging from local dailies to Reuters and CNN. It seems completely unjustified to persecute inmate Schuman for an alleged breach of departmental etiquette. We can only conclude that he is being charged in an attempt to stifle dissent and insure that no prisoner dares to inform the press about the situation inside Vacaville. If prisoners are punished for reporting events at Vacaville, neither you nor the public will have access to the information needed to responsibly monitor conditions inside California prisons. Abuses will only be protected by enforced silence.

We expect your prompt attention and reply, in writing, to this matter.

The Prison Issues Working Group
ACT UP/San Francisco

Haitian Hunger Strike

We, the 267 Haitian political refugees, have been on a hunger strike for the past 28 days (since Jan. 28). The government has not made a decision to discharge us altogether, although it already knows that unless we are released from this concentration camp, we will not end the hunger strike. Everyone knows that we have been jailed behind the mountains of Cuba where we are treated like animals, like prisoners of war; where snakes, lizards and rats have been our friends for more than 16 months. It seems that they do not know that, just like them, we are people too. Among us are 63 women, 41 children, 161 men, 17 pregnant women. During the first 21 days of the hunger strike, 74 among us fainted because they could not resist anymore. As far as we are concerned, if the government allows this to continue many of us will lose our lives.

We are further stating that as long as the government does not release us from this jail, we will not end the hunger strike. We would rather die because we have realized that, because we are Black, we are being mistreated in order for us to die. It shows that discrimination will never end although we know that the Democratic Party is governing the greatest power in the world.

We are asking the government, along with others living in the United States, if they are going to let us die behind the mountains of Cuba.

We are calling upon all the compatriots in the United States to join in the hunger strike with the leader, the Rev. Jesse Jackson, who is helping us. We are appealing to all other pastors, to the committee of priests of the Catholic Church, to all voodoo priests and practitioners and to the youth of the United States.

We are reaching out to you in the United States so that you can pull us out. This week we have all reached another stage, without eating, without drinking, without any doctor's visits. Our hands are hanging so that you can pull us out. Our hands are hanging out so that all the communities can pull us out. Please, please help us!

The children are beginning to understand that their mothers are facing true misery. They are beginning to cry to their mothers because they see a misery rope tied around their mother's waists. Please, please help the children so that they do not cry anymore. We ask the mothers of the United States, starting with Mrs. Clinton, to understand the suffering because they are mothers too.

This letter, translated from Creole, was written by the Haitians on Guantanamo. It was signed by more than 100 refugees.

Pastoral Nonsense

The following letter was sent to John Cardinal O'Connor, Archbishop of New York:

When you and I shared a long conversation about St. Thomas Aquinas, Boston and Philadelphia in your chaplain days at the Naval Station, Kodiak, Alaska, on my short deployment there with Project Magnet in 1960 giving the North Pole-bound U.S.S. Sargo ice-protection support, I was unaware that I was gay—and I was certainly unaware that you would later be so prejudiced concerning gay men and gay women that you would essentially deny the Roman Catholic theological distinction between the homosexual orientation (which is recognized as being consciously unchosen, despite the fact that its cause or causes are not definitively known) and homosexual genital acts.

The March 18 *SF Chronicle* quotes you as equating gay Irish-American marchers in the St. Patrick's Day Parade with "changing a comma in the Apostles' Creed." This is not only pastoral nonsense, but it is deeply offensive to the Roman Catholic Church's basic pastoral inclusiveness, based on its faithful witness that Jesus' death and resurrection embrace in their loving salvation each and every human person.

While I deplore the decision of the Ancient Order of Hibernians (AOH) to exclude gay Irish-American marchers from their Manhattan parade, I recognize that the legal decision to do so was constitutionally sound because it preserved the fundamental civil liberties of both free speech and free assembly.

The AOH needs to educate itself about homosexuality, so its leaders and members intellectually understand that their exclusion of gay Irish-American marchers is both very un-Irish and very un-Catholic.

St. Patrick is gloriously hailed as "the Apostle of the Irish" and like it or not, about 10 percent of Irishmen and 4.5 percent of Irishwomen are gifted by God's Providence with a homosexual orientation.

On his flight to Miami in September 1987, a San Francisco religion reporter asked Pope John Paul II about gay Christians and the Bishop of Rome told him clearly, "They are at the heart of the Church."

Now, Cardinal O'Connor, if the Bishop of Rome includes gay persons as Roman Catholics, you and AOH should follow his pastoral inclusiveness by welcoming gay Irish Americans as proud and loyal sons and daughters of St. Patrick marching in the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Manhattan.

I remember with pleasant thoughts our Kodiak conversation and I wish you well as you meet the challenges as Archbishop of New York.

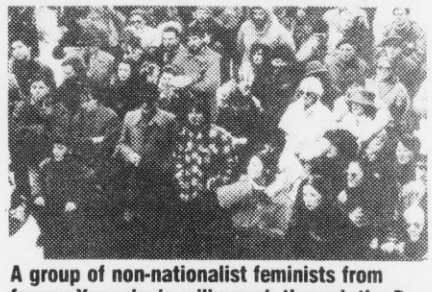
James F. Gibbons
San Leandro

Color Blindness

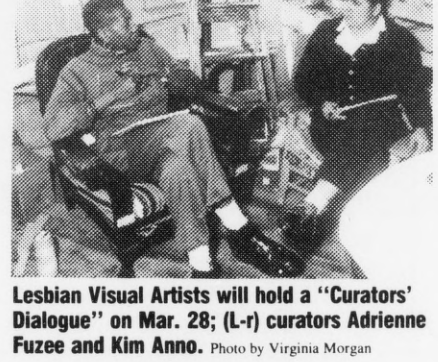
I would like to respond to Kwezi Sembe ("Global Politics 101," *SF Bay Times*, Feb. 25).

Perhaps you should cool your heels a couple of days after watching the movie *Malcolm X* for the umpteenth time, before writing another letter to the editor. If you expect an apology from the egg and sperm that comingled to form a Caucasian result, don't hold your breath. And, if you think gay rights is a "local political issue," perhaps you should finally communicate with your brothers and sisters of color across the globe... since to you, any kind word, or good action, or any reasonable opinion from a pink person is absolutely invalid, because his or her color happens to be lighter than yours. To define gay (or queer) rights as a local issue, and only a local issue, smacks of homophobia. Brotherly/sisterly love is color blind; you are not.

Gene Catalano
San Francisco



A group of non-nationalist feminists from former Yugoslavia will march through the Bay Area Mar. 27-31, calling for an end to the war and the violence against women.



Lesbian Visual Artists will hold a "Curators' Dialogue" on Mar. 28; (L-r) curators Adrienne Fuzee and Kim Anno. Photo by Virginia Morgan

Gay Asian Pacific Alliance hosted a house/potluck party on Mar. 13 featuring a premiere showing of their 5th anniversary banquet video. Photo by Rink

Marijuana Shortage!

Due to the constant demand and short supply of marijuana, it is now the most expensive drug in the world. What used to be $50 an ounce is now $500 an ounce. The ramifications of this should be obvious.

- Patients are deprived of cheap medicine.
- This situation forces people to turn to far more dangerous drugs, such as alcohol, cocaine, methamphetamines and Xanax, drugs which create more violence.
- This makes marijuana available only for the wealthy.
- High prices invite a more organized and potentially more violent distribution system.

This shortage has been created by the Nixon/Reagan/Bush phony war on drugs, which is primarily a war on marijuana. If we want to stop the cycle of violence, let's start by allowing the controlled sale of safe and inexpensive marijuana. Let's try the Dutch system where it's for sale in coffeehouses, separated from the hard drugs. Let's free the market for marijuana; tax it and put the money into education. Save the children.

Dennis Peron
Americans for Compassionate Use
San Francisco

Dehydrated Turnip

With all the sensitivity of a dehydrated turnip, Andrew Towne ("Common Sense 101," *SF Bay Times*, March 11) is indeed the things all of your mothers warned you about. If he were human it might be possible to excuse his self-absorbed and narrow-minded tunnel vision. Alas! In the '90s there is no excuse for restless prattling, which he squanders relentlessly through unresolved guilt. Andy, my dear, there are therapists dealing with your problem at this very moment. Seek help, dear, before you go and gun down the nearest Taco Bell or grab a mindless following and run off to "Wacko," Texas.

Dan Lightly
Oakland

A benefit was held for Angie Fa at Josie's on Mar. 9 with (l-r): MC Joe Caruso, Mark Davis, Mimi Freed, Ann Drogynous, Anita Mann, Matthew Martin and Gail Hand. Photo by Rink

A Message From Shanti Project's Board of Directors

Since the early days of the epidemic, Shanti Project has pioneered a diverse array of housing services for people with HIV/AIDS in San Francisco. Over this period of time, we have provided decent, affordable housing to over 800 people. In the past two years alone, we have more than doubled our housing capacity. Each night in San Francisco, we provide housing to over 135 men, women and children. We now are the largest AIDS housing program in the nation. In addition, at some point during their diagnosis, 80 percent of the people with AIDS in San Francisco receive some kind of assistance from Shanti Project.

A year ago, the staff and the board of the agency recognized that, while we were rapidly expanding our housing services to meet skyrocketing client needs, our fiscal accounting systems and invoicing procedures were not adequate to serve our growing and increasingly complex organization. Twenty-four months earlier, Shanti held only one government contract; we now had eight. We entered into discussions with the Department of Public Health's AIDS Office and in partnership created a list of the changes we would need to make and a reasonable time frame for achieving these systemic upgrades.

Shanti's Board of Directors is committed to full public accountability for all our funding and is happy to report that we have upgraded the size and professionalism of our fiscal staff, purchased a new file server and computers, and purchased new and appropriate software. Over 500 staff hours have been applied to the upgrading of our systems and we believe that we now have the ability to provide full fund accounting for each of our governmental contracts. We have confidence that the $1.7 million in housing contracts for FY 1992-1993 are now in full compliance with city accounting requirements. We are also pleased that, of the 11 evaluative indicators in the City's current monitoring report on our housing programs, only two categories are not rated "satisfactory." We believe this stands as a strong indication that the quantity and quality of housing services currently provided are substantive and significant.

We recognize that in FY 1991-1992, our accounting systems did not individually track each of our five housing contracts which totaled $965,000 and that we did not use proper invoicing procedures. Over the next two months, we will work with the City's AIDS Office to manually reconstruct the expenses for each of these contracts and reconcile our spending. Specific charges addressed at Shanti Project have questioned whether or not the agency has billed for certain services that were not delivered. Previously, our accounting system was inadequate to itemize actual expenses line by line and we mistakenly billed instead for estimated expenses, based monthly on one-twelfth of the total contract. We believe that our reconciliation will demonstrate that all public monies have been spent on worthy services to people with HIV/AIDS and that once this process is completed, we will have addressed all concerns about last year's contracts.

We want to assure the agency's 2,000 clients, 1,200 volunteers and thousands of donors that we acknowledge our past accounting and invoicing errors. We also want to assure you that we have taken aggressive steps to correct the problems. We are confident that this will not change our primary mission: providing quality services and housing to people with HIV/AIDS. The housing which Shanti Project offers is affordable, accessible and of high quality and we are proud to continue to provide people in our city with this desperately needed service.

The Executive Committee of Shanti Project's Board of Directors:
Gayling Gee, R.N., Chair; George Tuttle, Esq., Vice Chair; Gary E. Roof, Treasurer; David A. Kaplan, Secretary
San Francisco

White Male, Pink Collar

The following letter was sent to Supervisor Carole Migden:

I read with interest your published comments concerning white male city workers who benefit from San Francisco's pay equity system. As a white male employee of a CCSF department, I would like to let you know that many of those affected are gay men. I hate to reinforce stereotypes, but a significant portion of white men in the traditionally "pink collar" positions (secretary, bookkeeper, etc.) are gay. Although openly gay white men are not a protected group under the City's affirmative action plan, most of us have encountered the same subtle employment discrimination as most other minority groups. We too are often ghetto-ized into certain classifications—especially working-class, openly gay males.

Additionally, I believe that the City practices subtle discrimination against gay white males in promotional opportunities—after all, we don't help advance the City's affirmative action goals. Under current affirmative action practices, lower and mid-level gay white males end up paying the price for the statistically disproportionate number of entrenched heterosexual white male managers. As you must know, gays and lesbians represent 20 percent of San Francisco's population, but I sincerely doubt that gay white men are fairly represented among CCSF middle management. Although gays and lesbians are fairly well-represented in elected and politically appointed positions, I strongly believe gay white men still experience "unconscious" discrimination in advancement opportunities—often we hear we're "too high-strung" or "too emotional" for socially approved male patterns of behavior. Although no city manager is stupid enough to openly discriminate, fighting their unconscious homophobia is like swimming through molasses—we have to work twice as hard to get to the same place. My department of 100 or so employees administers millions in federal AIDS funding, yet only one of our 27 management positions is occupied by a somewhat openly gay incument. (Numbers such as these would presuppose discrimination in hiring and advancement practices concerning any other minority group.)

Has a study ever been done on the City's record in the hiring and promotion of gay white men? Has anyone ever studied the proportion of gay white males in those positions affected by the pay equity procedures? We too have encountered centuries of discrimination, and if you don't represent us, who will?

I am withholding my name and the specifics of my position, out of fear of retaliation. After all, employees who file complaints are not considered good candidates for promotion.

Name withheld by request
San Francisco

That's Show Biz

After reading J. Proctor's letter regarding Gene Price's review of *Dolls* ("Why Bother, Hon," *SF Bay Times,* March 11), I thought I should write and thank your publication for consistently providing detailed arts coverage. As a professional arts administrator for over 13 years, I appreciate the commitment to such consistent coverage and comprehensive calendar listings.

Regarding Mr. Proctor's rather cruel attack of Mr. Price: First, it is rare that we find theater reviewers who take their jobs as seriously as Mr. Price, and for that I thank him. I can't imagine having to sit through so much mediocre theater night after night.

Mr. Proctor, grow up. Yes, I am sure the people involved with the *Dolls* production are struggling artists who produced a "miracle" but where do you come off expecting everyone to like it or expecting that these artists are owed anything? That's part of show biz, you know, and to respond the way you did was very tacky!

John Alecca
San Francisco

Another Account Closing

The following letter was sent to Richard Rosenberg, Bank of America CEO:

The membership of Alice B. Toklas Lesbian/Gay Democratic Club has closed our longstanding account with the Bank of America in protest of the bank's homophobic policy in regard to its support of the Boy Scouts of America. It is a well-established fact that the Boy Scouts discriminate against the homosexual lifestyle and we take exception to your funding this organization.

We are urging our members and supporters to close any personal or business accounts that they may have with your establishment.

Matthew Rothschild
President, ABTL/GDC

Unregistered, Unaided

I am a gay man past the legal draft age who never registered for the draft because of the government's prohibition of military personnel who shared my sexual orientation. When I turned 18, then-President Reagan had declared gay men and lesbians unfit for military life. Knowing this, there was no need for me to register for a possible draft. Why would the government want openly gay men to register for the draft, only to have to throw them out? Why not? I should have asked.

That brings me to my current problem: I have been denied federal student aid benefits because I never registered for the draft and am told that I can *never* receive student aid as a result.

I am launching a fight against the Department of Education, Selective Service System and the Department of Defense—fighting against this hypocritical bigotry.

I am looking for any experience or suggestions your readers may have regarding this issue. You can write me at 2261 Market St., #188, SF 94114-1693. Thanks.

Kai-Lukas Barlow
San Francisco

Eternal Life or Landfill?

We read much about flag burning in the liberal media, but nothing about cremation, although the practice has long been known to foil the ultimate resurrection of the faithful upon the Day of Judgment. Re the recent article on historical research outside Jerusalem that has unearthed new evidence reaffirming the Old Testament proscription regarding cremation (*SF Chronicle,* March 18). Fortunately the New Testament is equally clear on the subject of the criminal denial of eternal life.

These souls have a contract with their Creator. God has written that we shall stand upon the latter day upon the earth and see God in our own flesh, uncorrupted.

Imagine the disappointment and horror of the loving grandmother who regularly attended Mass, church or synagogue, expecting to see God and who instead awakens to spend her Eternal Life in a jar.

Think of the death-bed conversions that have led not to Eternal Bliss but to a broiling oven. Is this the forgiveness believers are promised?

Often knowing full well the odious intentions of the families of the un-reborn, doctors sworn to protect life instead sign death certificates to facilitate the murder of the dead.

Every day the innocent flesh of thousands of the un-reborn is unjustly consigned to punitive flames, rendering the remains suitable not for the celebration of Eternal Life, but for nothing more than landfill at the hands of immoral secular groups like the Neptune Society. Thanks to the liberal media too few citizens realize that their tax dollars, in the form of VA benefits, pay for many of the disposal services of this and similar organizations, thus forcing true believers to subsidize the ultimate, final murder of the dead.

It is time for all true believers to defend the lives of the un-reborn. If reason fails us, we must vandalize columbariums to stop this senseless killing of the dead and, whenever necessary, picket funeral homes, block processions and harass mourners.

And if other arguments fail, we must have the courage to ask unbelievers this: If wives and daughters succumb to this evil practice and, against the wishes of their male relatives, are allowed to determine the fate of their own dead bodies—who's going to do the cooking and cleaning throughout all eternity in the life to come?

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(astrology)

News from "Bois Sainte Vrile"

by Stella Dominatrix

Daaaaaarlings!

Some of my older friends (and some of my friends are pretty old!) may recall that at this time of year Jack Whatsisname takes a break so I can bestow upon you annual and annular bits of wisdom from the Akashic Plane. I trust you recall my letters from the Yucatani Zigzaggurat at Tchuarlitchaplan. Well, darlings, in the last year I've discovered the most amazing ruins seen since the days of the Ambush! I've discovered the relics of the Mayan goddess of Banana oil, Huatalotatuatl, and let me tell you, she bears an amazing resemblance to an ancient Celtic deity, Vrile. What? You've never heard of Vrile? Well, she is a rather obscure minor goddess. Actually, she's a daughter of Pegasus and regarded as the goddess of horsefeathers. As one of the co-opted pagan deities, she was canonized by Pope Abnaccius II.

(What? You never heard of Pope Abnaccius? Well, actually he was one of the later anti-Popes. While those homely old Borgias were holding the papacy and performing all sorts of ugly goings-on, some of their cousins claimed an opposing papacy to promote gorgeous fabulosity. Distinct from the ugly Borgias, they were known as the gorgeous Borgias. But I have to admit that all records were wiped out and they weren't really known as anything for very long, but I do digress....)

Vrile's sacred grove in Brittany (western France) is now known as the *Bois Sainte Vrile*. By the most amazing bit of synchronicity (truly enlightened metaphysicists don't believe in mere coincidence!), one of my dearest friends is a titled alchemist, the Duc du Doux-Quaveurle, who has a chateau right by the *Bois Sainte Vrile*.

Continuing my research there, by the most amazing synchronicity (nothing in metaphysics is inadvertent!) I have discovered sacred texts revealing a highly developed system of discernment called the Enemagram.

The Enemagram was developed by ancient Stufi mystics as a system of purification and enlightenment. Practicing the enemagram and studying it helped the Stufi masters to explore their inner depths and reveal the truth of the ancient dictum, "As within, so without." Once you find your own enemagram type, you will be able to observe and understand patterns in your own life, and then how to make the most of them.

Discerning one's enemagram type is not necessarily an easy task. Some people may easily pour out their revelations; others will retain their secrets despite the most probing efforts. True study of the enemagram is not accomplished in one sitting, nor does this space allow us to flush out the subtleties. This is merely the humblest opening which may lead one eventually to the throne of wisdom.

ENEMAGRAM TYPES

Type 1: The most retentive type of the enemagram, you hold tight and even take satisfaction in your retentive abilities. By opening up you could not only unburden yourself of hardship, but find ways to offer yourself generously into fertile fields of cooperation.

Type 2: You open up and give of yourself, perhaps a little too freely. Your generosity could prove rather messy. Review your earliest training and learn to hold back so that your gifts will be more appropriate and appreciated.

Type 3: Eager to perform, you try to probe more deeply and produce the most prolifically of any enemagram type. Be careful not to deplete yourself or to confuse your identity with your output.

Type 4: You have a remarkable capacity for depth, feeling as if you have within you a bottomless pit. You seek a fulfillment that may never be possible, but you can also offer a vast outpouring from your innermost depths.

Type 5: Orderly, analytical, detached, your enemagram shows a complex and amazingly tidy internal process.

Type 6: You're the one who avoids finding out your enemagram type, and then when you find out, you insist it has to be another one. But you are very helpful. Although you may refuse to open up to your own enemagram you will eagerly assist others to find theirs.

Type 7: Refined and idealistic, you would like to see your enemagram embossed in gold. Alas, it can't be. You would like to see yourself as diverse and prolific, and well you may be, but your enemagram reveals that you are probably scattering your output like apples on the road.

Type 8: Your insistence on control enables you to hold your ground or to eject forcefully. You're a heavy duty kind of person, but with your insistent bravado you can easily put your foot in it. Still, you can be very good at clearing out openings for friends.

Type 9: You're the enemagram type who looks at any question from either side. Sometimes you don't know which end is up. This can lead you to face situations that others would prefer to sit over.

But still, my dears, in addition to all this fabulous wisdom you also get a horoscope! Now, the enemagram does not coincide neatly with astrology (indeed, very little about the enemagram can truly be considered "neat"!) but I have shown the likeliest types for each sun sign.

Fertig shuns asteroids because they are minor planets, and doing astrological erections with minor planets is statutory astrology! Well, he's entitled to his reservations, but I am member of "Asteroids Make Better, Laudable Astrology" and we members of AMBLA reserve the right to practice astrology on minor planets!

This week the asteroid Dudu is square to Uranus. It really is, and I have the papers to prove it! A lot of people refuse to believe that there is an asteroid named "Dudu," but when you have to name over 2100 asteroids, some of them get some very unusual names. If you don't believe me, call the Astronomical Society of the Pacific and ask them. (They always say such dreadful things about astrology, so it's great fun to annoy them with questions like this.)

When Dudu squares Uranus, you know what hits the fan! Some rude surprise is going to let you know just what needs dumping from your life. This is inevitable, but forewarned is forearmed, and when you have your forearm up to Uranus in Dudu, you can at least be sure to have the right gloves on!

SUN SIGNS

ARIES: (Type 6) Is the world conspiring against you, or is it just your attitude? The world doesn't find you that important. What's the problem? Buy a vowel from Vanna, Honey! It's "U"! Get a grip and get over yourself! *Happy Birthday:* Tim Hixon, Larry Segress & Michael Browne!

TAURUS: (Type 9) Everything you know is wrong. Time alone would give you a chance to re-invent yourself, but that's too dangerous a task to leave in your hands right now. Just forget everything and hit the mud baths—before they hit you!

GEMINI: (Type 5 or 7) What's more important? Deep, abiding friendship or cheap, tawdry, erotic thrills? You're bright, but this is a stumper! This week at least, don't let your friends push you on this question.

CANCER: (Type 4) Is anything more agonizing than control queens in love? If there is, Pisces will know all about it, but you have enough trouble right now. Let your significant other feel in charge. As long as you know better, that's all that counts.

LEO: (Type 3) Frustration is making you much too loud and boisterous. Well, that's your excuse this week. Hold it in and your health will suffer. Let it out in the wrong spot, and your work may suffer. Let it out around me, and your face will suffer. A padded room can offer the dramatic effect you require.

VIRGO: (Type 5) Asteroid Dudu is in your outhouse, and Uranus is in your house of pleasure. You can play doctor and take as many lab samples as you like, but I'll never come to another tupperware party at your house!

LIBRA: (Type 2 or 9) Domestic troubles will soon

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THE SAN FRANCISCO
BAY TIMES CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR THE BAY AREA

Coming Up

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MAR 25 / THU

Men's Friendship Group spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders) meets 2:45 pm at 711 Eddy St, SF. Info: 626-7000.

Marin BACW Dines Out: Join Bay Area Career Women for a night of delicious south of the border food at Maya Palenque in Novato. 7 pm, $1 events fee, for RSVP (by 3/22) call Lynn 457-4866.

Palo Alto Lesbian Rap Group meets 7:30-9 pm at MidPeninsula YWCA, 4161 Alma, Palo Alto. Tonight's topic: "Periods," how do we feel about them/deal with them; how do we feel about menopause. You're welcome to bring your favorite item of feminine hygiene to share. Info: Lynn (408) 723-4196 or Marilyn (415) 969-1260. All women are welcome!

Gay Philosophers Mtg: The Society for Lesbian & Gay Philosophy holds a session on current moral controversies, in conjunction with the American Philosophical Association. Free, public welcome. Topics include affirmative action and the moral consequences of the social constructionist debates. Participants include Ed Stein, editor of *Forms of Desire* and Richard Mohr, author of *Gay/Justice* and *Gay Ideas*. 8-10 pm in Spring Room A, Miyako Hotel, 1625 Post St, SF.

At Old Wives' Tales Bookstore: Filmmaker Sheila Ganz shows clips from and discusses her documentary-in-progress, "Sealed Records, Sealed Lives," about the lifelong psychological and emotional effects of adoption on the 30 million people in the adoption triad (birthparents, adoptees, adoptive parents) today. The film's goal is to create greater understanding and communication, and to advocate for open adoption records. 8 pm, $3-10 donation benefit Women's Voices, OWT's cultural events series. 1009 Valencia St at 21st, SF. Info: 821-4675.

At Tea Spot Cafe: Raw & bluesy acoustic originals with Mary Anne Vorasky, original pop with Megan McLaughlin, and Kathy Rote in her first Eastbay appearance. 8 pm, $2-5. Dinner & refreshments available. 2072 San Pablo Ave at University, Berkeley. Info: (510) 848-7376.

Nina Glaser & Elizabeth Sunday give a lecture and discuss their photographic works at SF Camerawork. 8 pm, $5. 70 12th St, btwn Market & Mission, at South Van Ness, SF. Info: 621-1001.

MAR 26 / FRI

Connecting Heart to Heart: Single Doesn't Have to Mean Alone; an empowerment wkend for single lesbians, with Sonika Tinker & Debra Rein of LoveWorks 572-1999.

Comedy at Alexander Book Co: Margo Kaufman reads & performs excerpts from her new book, *1-800 Am I Nuts?* 5:30-6:30 pm, 50 2nd St, SF. Info: 495-2992.

Rev Delores Berry, acclaimed lesbian gospel singer/evangelist, brings her message in music to MCC-SF tonight at 7 pm. Rev Berry will be leading Metropolitan Community Church's revival. Schedule: Tonight & tmw at 7 pm, 3/28 at 11 am & 7 pm. 150 Eureka St, btwn 18th & 19th, SF. Free! Info: 863-4434.

Venite! Gruppo sociale per chiacchierare in italiano. Last Fri eve of each month. For location & other info call 824-2323.

At Modern Times Bookstore: "Carjacking on Graffiti Road: Poetry, Performance, Testimony from the Streets," with performances by Katherine Harer, Jack Hirschman, Peter Money, John Montoya, Billy Jam, John Hays, Kenny Huerta and students from School of the Arts and George Washington High School. 7:30 pm, free. 888 Valencia St, SF.

"Prostitute Women & AIDS: Resisting the Virus of Repression," and "Policing the Bedroom & How to Refuse It," a presentation by Nina Lopez-Jones, spokeswomen for the English Collective of Prostitutes. 7:30 pm at Walden Pond Bookstore, 3316 Grand Ave, Oakl and at A Different Light Bookstore, 489 Castro St, SF on 3/30 at 7:30 pm. Info: 626-4114.

Greenpeace Mtg at the Women's Bldg: Discussion on oil development threat to native cultures in Alaska. 7:30-9:30 pm in Harriet Tubman Hall. 3543 18th St, SF. Info: 512-9025.

Middle East Children's Alliance/PSC: Women's peace delegation to Palestine/Israel. 7:30-9 pm meeting at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St btwn Valencia & Guerrero, SF. Dining Hall. Info: 548-0542.

At A Different Light Bookstore: Gary Indiana reads from *Gone Tomorrow*. 489 Castro St, SF. 7:30 pm. Info: 431-0891.

Lesbian Fiction: Authors Linnea Due (*Life Savings, High, Outside*), Ann MacLeod (*Being Someone*) and Diana McRae (*All the Muscle You Need*) discuss the role of lesbian fiction and read from & autograph their works at Barnes & Noble Bookstore, 2020 Redwood Ave, Larkspur. 8-9:30 pm. Info: 924-1016.

Club nZinga: Int'l dance party at El Rio, 3158 Mission St, SF. 9 pm-2 am, $3. Info: 282-3325.

MAR 27 / SAT

Cinderella Bicycle Classic Tour: Ride with the lesbian contingent! Meet 8 am after bicycle inspection & check-in, in the grassy area in front of Dublin High School where registration is held (just look for the gals with lavender ribbons attached to their bikes). We'll start off riding together, then later break off according to pace & company. Registration $10 if postmarked before 3/20, $15 late reg. Same day reg is allowed. Helmets required. For reg app: Valley Spokes, PO Box 2630, Dublin 94568. For more info: Sharon (408) 629-0139, Susan (415) 431-2113 or Susan (510) 652-0120.

11th Annual Unity in Sobriety AA/AL Conference: 8 am-midnight, $7 pre-reg, $10 at door. Spons by Gay/Lesbians in Recovery. St John's Presbyterian Church, 2727 College Ave at Garger, Berkeley. Info: (510) 223-9034.

Lafayette Reservoir Run with Eastbay Frontrunners: Take Hwy 24 to Mt Diablo Blvd exit. Bear right onto Mt Diablo Blvd and go PAST the entrance road to the reservoir. Take first right on Village Center Drive and park along this side street. 9:30 am. Info: Roz (510) 939-3579 or Greg (510) 865-6792.

Body Pride Wkshop: Learn to love the body you have. 9:30 am-4:30 pm, $65-45. Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. Multipurpose Room. Info: 753-3576.

Lesbian/Gay Intergenerational (midlife & older) Housing Workshop spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders) and Innovative Housing. 10 am-noon, 1853 Market St at Guerrero, SF. Info: 346-0267.

Workout for Hope: National 3-hour aerobic & exercise marathon benefitting AIDS research at City of Hope Nat'l Med Center. The SF workout is from 10 am-1 pm at USF Koret Health & Rec Ctr. Workout headed by Deborah Khazei, RN (called one of the hippest, hottest aerobic instructors in the country by *Allure* Magazine). Come join in one of the largest step classes ever! Call 391-6448 or (800) 888-8220 for info/sign-up forms.

Workout for Hope: 3-hour aerobic marathon benefiting AIDS research at City of Hope National Medical Center. 10 am-1 pm at USF Koret Health & Recreational Center, SF. Info/res: 391-6448.

Worm Composting Wkshop: Spons by SLUG (SF League of Urban Gardeners): Learn the simple art of making a rich & sweet-smelling compost for your garden. 10 am-noon at Garden for the Environment, 7th Ave & Lawton, SF. Free. Info/reg: 285-7585.

Pre-Inventory Sale at Old Wives' Tales Bookstore: 11 am-7 pm today, 11 am-6 pm tmw. All merchandise 15 percent off—come buy the books, t-shirts, tapes & posters you've always wanted, save money & support a collectively-run, women-owned business. Info: 821-4676. 1009 Valencia St at 21st, SF.

Joys & Problems of S/M Relationships: Class taught by William Henkin & Sybil Holiday. Spons by QSM as part of their ongoing series of artistic & educational programs for the s/m community. Does s/m add a unique element to a relationship? What happens when real-life problems affect someone's ability to play? Sybil & Bill have been in a committed non-monogamous relationship for 5 years. During the first half of the class they'll discuss their own relationship, in the second half they'll respond to questions & issues from the class. $20-10 SL fee. Doors open at 12:30 pm, class 1-4 pm in a private SF space. Info/location: 550-7776.

Military Ban Town Mtg: Spons by NGLTF (Nat'l Gay & Lesbian Task Force), HRCF (Human Rights Campaign Fund) and the Harvey Milk Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual Democratic Club. 1-3 pm, Women's Bldg Dining Hall, 3543 18th St, SF.

Deaf Gay & Lesbian Ctr presents a workshop on earthquake preparation, 1-3 pm. Open to all, including those not fluent in ASL. 25 Taylor St, Ste 701, SF. Info: 885-2341 TDD or thru Calif Relay Services (800) 735-2922.

Bingo Fundraiser spons by Living Sober, a conference for people in recovery from alcohol. "Pay as you play" donation. AA mtg at 2-3 pm (interpreted for the deaf), followed by bingo at 3:30. WA. CC provided. Spons by the SF lesbian & gay members of Alcoholics Anonymous. St Paulus Lutheran Church, 950 Gough St, btwn Eddy & Turk, SF.

Feminism: What Kind? Performance series in honor of National Women's Month, spons by the Women's Art Project. Tonight's program: Theory Girls in "If You Were Like a Heroine in a Country & Western Song," plus Christine Tamblyn's "Paracritical Cannibalism II". 7:30 pm, $6. Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF.

Totally Fabulous Bisexual Wine & Cheese Schmooze-A-Thon! Event doubles as a housewarming for Pierre. Bring a creative selection of wine (Zinfandel, champagne, nonalcoholic alternatives) and cheese (Brie, Jalapeno, Jack, etc) and crackers (do NOT bring a housewarming gift). For info/location call Pierre 648-6332.

SF Gay Men's Chorus kicks off "Festival 15: A Celebration in 3 Acts," its 15th anniversary season, with a program titled, "Brahms, Bernstein & the Boys" at Davies Symphony Hall. 8 pm. All performances are signed for the hearing impaired. Don't miss! Info/res: 863-4472.

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Famous Ladies Dress Auction hosted by Grand Duchess Miss Barbie Q Hayes. 8 pm, free. Check out the latest styles, donated by Miss Hayes, Kitty Glamour, Lady Bobette, Empress Marlena, Empress Sissy Spaceout and others. Proceeds benefit the Children's Sunburst Camp. Chez Mollet Restaurant, 527 Bryant St, SF. To donate a dress, or for further information, call Hel'N Back at 552-3909.

***L'Chaim* in Concert** at Mama Bears: Night of fine chamber music. 8 pm, $8-10. Women only. 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Info/res: (510) 428-9684.

Plush Room goes Latin! With singer/actress/pianist Juanita Newland-Ulloa celebrating the release of her new album, "Nostalgia". 8 pm, $14 adv, $16 at door. Info/res: 885-2800. York Hotel, 940 Sutter St, SF. Two-drink minimum. WA.

Alternative Music Night at El Rio tonight with *Love Posse, Johnny's Problem* and *Rehab*. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.

MAR 28 / SUN

Mt Diablo Hike with SF Hiking Club: From Mitchell Canyon entrance, Mt Diablo State Park, to 3849-ft summit of Mt Diablo, via Eagle Peak & Murchio Gap, return via Deer Flat & Mitchell Canyon—STRENOUS hike, 14-15 miles roundtrip, 3200-ft elevation gain. Roadhead at south end of Mitchell Canyon road in Clayton, 64 auto miles roundtrip from SF. Cost per car (includes bridge toll & entrance fee) $10.50. Spectacular views & spring flowers, possible turnback loop for those wishing to return at about half the climb. Bring plenty of water, lunch & sunscreen, wear sturdy shoes (with heels well broken in) and bring protective clothing. Meet 9 am under the big Safeway sign, Dolores & Market, SF or at 10 am at Mitchell Canyon entrance, Mt Diablo State Park. Info Felix Smith 255-1420 BEFORE 11 pm.

"Heroines of the Hagadah," a talk with Rabbi Leah Novick. Rabbi Novick discusses the legends surrounding the women in the Exodus—Miriam, Yocheved, Ziporah & others. Program includes egalitarian poems & prayers. 11 am, $8. SF Jewish Community Center, 3200 California St, SF. Info: 346-6040.

Balinese Dance Wkshop: 5-week class taught by Mimi Prather of Gamelan Sekar Jaya Dance Troupe. Learn the basics of Balinese Dance. Today thru 5/2, 11 am-12:30 pm at Spirit Dance Studio, 1708 University Ave, Berkeley. Info: Marelyn Shapiro (510) 849-3232.

Pre-Inventory Sale at Old Wives' Tales Bookstore, see 3/27. Final day!

Lesbian Visual Artists (LVA) presents "Curators Dialogue" with Adrienne Fuzee & Kim Anno, plus "Taxing Topics" wkshop on art-related tax info & "Looking Good," a shooting slides & portfolio presentation. Program part of LVA's "Elements & Angles," series of panels & wkshops designed to expand options & connections for lesbian artists in the '90s: 12:30 pm registration, program begins at 1. $10-20 SL fee, no one turned away for lack of funds. ASL. WA. No scented products, please. Spectrum Gallery, 511 Harrison St near 1st, SF. Info/res: 821-2975.

Improving Your Whipping Skills: Class with Lou. Spons by QSM as part of their ongoing series of artistic & educational programs for the s/m community. Get advice & feedback on how to hold a whip, to aim & control the intensity of each stroke. Lou gives a demo with her whips while she explains her technique. Students get to practice their aim, strokes & body positions, with individual feedback from Lou. Demo & wkshop together: $30-20 SL fee; demo only: $20-10 SL fee. Doors open at 12:30 pm, demo 1-2:45 pm, wkshop 3-4:15 pm, in a private SF space. Info/location: 550-7776.

Open House for guitarists, singers, songwriters & would-be musicians, spons by Fall in Love with Guitar & Vocals, and Judith Kate Friedman. Afternoon of live music, refreshments & info on spring workshops, etc. Bring your instruments & your questions. 1-4 pm, SF location. Info: 824-5283.

Bi Women's Support Group meets 1-3 pm. Come meet other bi women, talk & share experiences in an informal setting. New location! Call Valerie 641-1308 for details.

Salsa Garden Party at El Rio with *Benny Velarde Super Combo*. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.

Lesbian Seminar Series at Tea Spot Cafe, spons by Pacific Center. "Positive Sex & Sexuality," a panel with Isadora Alman, MFCC, sexologist and Marny Hall, PhD. 4-7 pm, $10 donation requested, no one turned away for lack of funds. 2072 San Pablo Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 848-7376.

Vegetarian Potluck spons by the Jewish Bi Caucus of BiPol. 5:30 pm, bring a meatless dish to share. The Caucus is initiating a dialogue with Congregation Sha'ar Zahav on reaching out to bisexuals. Balboa Park, SF location. For info call Jim 337-4566.

Medea Project Benefit hosted by actress Susan Sarandon. 6 pm reception, 7 pm screening of *Open the Gate*, documentary about the Medea Project, a theater workshop for women at SF County Jail at San Bruno, that speaks to women's issues from incarcerated women's perspectives by creating performances rooted in the inmates' personal histories & those of ex-inmates and professional actresses from SF multicultural communities. 8 pm conversation with Susan Sarandon. $50 tix includes reception. Lorraine Hansberry Theatre, 620 Sutter St, SF. Info/res: (415) 474-8800 or BASS (510) 762-BASS.

The Five Lesbian Bros. perform "Brave Smiles...Another Lesbian Tragedy," at Theatre Rhino. See OnStage for info.

Photo by Amy Meadow

Gay Fraternity Annual Fundraising Dinner: The Zeta Chapter of Delta Lambda Phi at SF State University, a social fraternity founded by gay men for all men, hosts "An Evening at the Tropicana," their 2nd annual fundraising dinner. Event features Cuban cuisine, stage entertainment & socializing; an evening of fun & surprises. 6:30-9:30 pm, $25 gen'l, $35 sponsor. Portion of proceeds benefit the Cindy Kolb AIDS Fund which assists the emergency needs of members of the campus community with AIDS. Info/res: 626-4479.

Krishnamurti Dialogue at the home of Janey Ferguson, 460 Hanover Ave, Oakl. 7 pm tonight & 4/4.

At Modern Times Bookstore: Group reading by members of Indigena as Scribe, a women writers group led by Cherrie Moraga and spons by Brava! For Women in the Arts. Readings by Lisa Hall, Lea E Arellano, Kristy Flanagan, Fabiola Zepeda, Myrtha Chabran, Cathy Arellano, Reid Gomez and Sandra Calvo. 7 pm, $3-5 SL donation. 888 Valencia St, SF.

American Bach Soloists Concert at First Congregational Church, Dana & Durant Sts, Berkeley. Program: Cantatas 106, 152 & 161, plus Brandenburg Concert No 4. 7 pm pre-concert lecture. 8 pm concert. Tix $32-16 for concert, $5 pre-concert lecture. Tix info/res: 435-5235.

Cabaret Du Nord presents torch singer Veronika Klaus, Lynette the Snake Charmer, mystic artist Rod Hines, actress Beth Parelman, *The Hat Band* and emcee Derek Felton. 8 pm, $2. 2170 Market St at Sanchez, SF.

"Pacific Rimming," is the theme for this month's Rubber Club Party, spons by Asian AIDS Project. Program features "Tita Aida," songs, lipsynchs & comical skits. 10 pm at N'Touch, 1548 Polk St.

Pomo Afro Homos return to Josie's Cabaret with their renowned show "Dark Fruit." Check Calendar for details.

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SF. For more info or to volunteer call Dominic or Pablo 227-0946.

MAR 29 / MON

Prostitution—Issues of Violence & Battering: A training spons by the Forensic AIDS Project and SF Victim's Witness Assistance Program. Topics include: Similarities between women used in prostitution & battered women; recruitment of youth into prostitution, evaluation of program policies and more. 9 am-1 pm, $20 (scholarships available). Ft Mason Center Firehouse, SF. Info: 255-3470.

"Rebels with a Cause," a 65th Annual Academy Awards fundraiser to benefit Napa Valley's fight against AIDS. Program includes star look-alike contest, live big-screen broadcast of the Awards, dancing to Dick Bright & SRO, great food & wine and an impressive silent auction. Tix $30. For info/res call (707) 252-FANS.

Nutrition & HIV: A presentation by Gustavo Wong, RD at Billy DeFrank Center, 175 Stockton Ave, San Jose. Topics include: good nutrition, role of nutrition & HIV, vitamin & mineral supplements, food safety, exercise, stress & weight management, side effects management, referrals. Info: Gus Wong (408) 299-6245.

Bi-Friendly SF meets for food, drink & conversation at 7 pm at the Village Deli, 495 Castro St, SF. All bisexuals (and bi-friendly others) are welcome! Info: Pierre 648-6332.

Sierra Club Loma Prieta chapter sponsors a speech by John Robbins, celebrated environmentalist & author of *May All Be Fed: Diet for A New World* and the Pulitzer Prize-nominated *Diet for a New America*. Robbins left the Baskin-Robbins ice cream empire to work toward a just & sustainable world, and is the founder of EarthSave. 7:30 pm, Foothill College Theater, 12345 S. El Monte Road, Los Altos Hills (approx 1/4 miles west of Hwy 280). Tix: $8 adv, $9 at door, $5 stdnts & srs.

Family Home Evening: Audience Participation Music Laboratory. Everyone welcome! Bring drums, bells, instruments, toys—anything to make a musical stew. Meet at Neurotic Records for a noise expedition into the back streets of industrial downtown. 8 pm, free. 1126 Folsom St at 7th, SF. Info: 267-7679.

Krishnamurti Video & Dialogue at the home of Roberto Moreiras, 139 Farnum St, SF. 8 pm, tonight & 4/5. Info: 469-0606.

Two Dollar Opera starring Jennifer Durand at Cafe Du Nord: Durand recreates a 1930s Berlin cabaret. 8:30 & 10 pm at Cafe Du Nord, 2170 Market St at Sanchez, SF. $2.

MAR 30 / TUE

Sweet Angel Bambina, a staged reading of a work-in-progress by Tina Tree Murch, winner of the 1992 James Highsmith Award for Lesbian/Gay Playwriting. Play tells the story of a pregnant lesbian who returns to confront her estranged working-class Italian-American family at her mother's funeral. 4 pm today, 8 pm on 4/1 at Studio Theatre, Room 102, Creative Arts Bldg, SF State University. Free, everyone welcome!

Lesbian Uprising! Political Group discusses the issues facing old lesbians. Come hear from the crones in our community about their perspectives & concerns. Info: 661-3886.

At ClaireLight Women's Books: "Take Two Stories & Call Me in the Morning," former Rodale Press editor Deborah Grandinetti hosts a discussion of ideas on writing and the creative process. Come learn how to create stories out of your imagination and the raw material of your life. 6:30 pm, free. 519 Mendocino Ave, Santa Rosa. Info: (707) 575-8879.

"Rune Stones: Ancient Viking Divination," a talk by Rev Jack Walder, Church of Amron minister. 7 pm. Amron Metaphysical Center, 2254 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 775-0227.

Gay Men's Sketch: Male figure drawing for all skill levels. Classical nude modeling by Latino artist Jorge Ramir de Baca. 7 pm. 1229 Folsom St, SF. For info/res: 621-6294.

Bi-Friendly Eastbay meets 7:30 pm and 4/6 for food, drink & conversation at Au Coquelet, 2000 University at Milvia, Berkeley. All bisexuals (and bi-friendly others) are welcome! Info: Betsy (510) 845-7441.

At A Clean Well-Lighted Place for Books: Author Steven Altschuler discusses his book, *Sacred Paths & Muddy Places: Rediscovering Spirit in Nature*. 7:30 pm at Opera Plaza, 601 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 441-6670.

At A Different Light Bookstore: Discussion with Nina Lopez-Jones, spokesperson for prostitutes' rights and editor of *Prostitute Women & AIDS*. 7:30 pm. 489 Castro St, SF. Info: 431-0891.

At Modern Times Bookstore: Economist Juliet B Schor discusses her best-selling book, *The Overworked American: The Unexpected Decline of Leisure* and discusses the effect of Clinton's economic policy on working people. 7:30 pm, free. 888 Valencia St, SF.

Gay Rodeo/Just Say No: A benefit for Action for Animals at Josie's Cabaret, with *Alternative Measures*, a lesbian/feminist barbershop quartet; author Sally Gearhart reading from her work-in-progress, plus lots of laughs with comic Karen Ripley. 8 pm, $10. Info: Action for Animals (510) 652-5603 or (415) 861-7933.

Action for Animals benefit at Josie's Cabaret. Entertainment with *Alternative Measures*, lesbian/feminist barbershop quartet; Sally Gearheart, reading from her work-in-progress; Tommi Avicolli-Mecca in an excerpt from his one-man show about growing up gay & Italian; and comic Karen Ripley. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: (415) 861-7933. For gen'l info about Action for Animals call (510) 652-5603.

MAR 31 / WED

HIV Wellness Group meets today at Marin General Hospital, spons by AIDS Interfaith of Marin. Info: Amira 457-1129.

"Feminism & Marxism: Dunayevskaya vs McKinnon," a talk by Julia Jones. Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. Multipurpose Room. 1-3 pm. Info: 658-1448.

Lavender LEAF (Lesbian Emergency Action Fund) discussion at Mama Bears: LEAF-spons talk on issues of class & community among lesbians. 7 pm, $2. Women only. Lesbian food drive donations accepted. Info: (510) 428-9684. 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl.

"AIDS, Sex Workers & the Law," a discussion with Nina Lopez-Jones of the English Collective of Prostitutes at Stanford University Law School. 7 pm. A Women's History Month event. Info: 626-4114.

At Modern Times Bookstore: Saundra Sturdevant & Brenda Stoltzfus, co-authors of *Let the Good Times Roll: Prostitution & the US Military in Asia*, discuss their book which contains the testimonies of the women of the bar areas surrounding US military bases in Okinawa, South Korea & the Philippines. Book also contains 200 powerful black & white photographs, a selection of which will hang in the reading room of Modern Times 3/6 thru 4/1. 7:30 pm. 888 Valencia St, SF.

Deidre McCalla celebrates the release of her new album, "Everday Heroes & Heroines," at Freight & Salvage, 1111 Addison St, Berkeley. 8 pm.

APR 1 / THU

Feminist Women's Passover Seder reservations deadline, see 4/7.

15th Annual St Stupid's Day Parade: SF's own rite of spring returns to honor the patron saint of civilizations & parking meters. Gather at noon at Embarcadero Plaza, foot of Market Street, and skip, hop & giggle your way thru the streets of the Financial District to visit the Stations of St Stupid, such as the Pacific "Sock" Exchange, the Leap O' Faith and the Free Lunch. It's free, it's fun and you're welcome! Costumery, buffoonery & music is encouraged. Spons by the First Church of the Last Laugh. For info/details contact Ed Holmes (510) 841-1898.

NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt on display at UC Berkeley, in the Pauley Ballroom: 4/1, noon-9 pm; 4/2, 10 am-8 pm; 4/3, 10 am-4 pm. On 4/2: Candlelight Vigil at base of the Campanile at 7 pm, service of healing & prayer at St Mark's Church, 2300 Bancroft Way, at 8:30-9:30 pm. Events spons by ASUC, Golden Key National Honor Society, University Health Services and Dean of Student Life. Free.

Rainbow's End, support group for lesbian, gay, bisexual & questioning youth, meets tonight & 4/8. 6:30-7 pm drop-in time for first-time visitors; 7-8:30 pm group time for everyone. Info: 457-1115. Spons by Spectrum.

Marin BACW Business Mtg: Bay Area Career Women meet to plan upcoming events. 7-9:30 pm. Info/location: Janice & Avril 383-6737.

Open Mike at Red Dora's Bearded Lady Cafe, with Blast-Off, the lesbo clown, emcee. Comedy, music, performance flying trapeze & wild animal acts by womyn—everyone welcome to attend. Sign-up at 7:30 pm (or call 206-9365 to reserve spot), showtime at 8. $3-5 SL fee. 485 14th St at Guerrero, SF.

Palo Alto Lesbian Rap Group meets 7:30-9:30 pm at MidPeninsula YWCA, 4161 Alma, Palo Alto. Tonight's Country Western Dancing Night! Gayle teaches the steps, no experience necessary! Info: Marilyn (415) 969-1260 or Lynn (408) 737-9229. All women are welcome!

New Horizons social/support group for lesbian, gay & bisexual young adults ages 21-29 meets tonight & 4/8. Drop-in time for first-time visitors: 7:45-8 pm; group time for everyone: 8-9:30 pm. Info: 457-1115. Spons by Spectrum.

Pomo Afro Homos in "Dark Fruit": Pomo Afro Homos (Postmodern African American Homosexuals) return to Josie's Cabaret with a fresh crop of stories about Black gay life. 8 pm, $10. Thurs-Sun, 4/1-4. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

"Sexual Photography & Homoerotic Imaging," slideshow lecture by SF gay radical sex photographer Mark I Chester, and West Coast lesbian photographer Tee Corinne. Chester & Corinne show & discuss their sexually explicit & uncompromisingly honest photographic work in the gay & lesbian communities. Part of SF Camerawork's spring '93 lecture series. 8 pm, $5. 70 12th St (btwn Market & Mission, on 12th), SF. Info: 621-6294.

"Kalevala Runo IX", dance-based multimedia interpretation of a Finnish legend. Choreographed & directed by Anah-K, with dancing by Anah-K and Peter Overton. Part of Footwork's Bread & Butter Series. Tonight thru 4/10 at 8:30 pm at Dancer's Group/Footwork, 3221 22nd St at Mission, SF. Info/res: 824-5044. Tix $10, available at door.

APR 2 / FRI

Loving Partners Wkshop: For lesbian couples—get support in creating mutually empowering, passionate, loving relationships. Led by Sonika Tinker & Debra Rein of LoveWorks. Info/reg: 572-1999.

Names Project AIDS Memorial Quilt events at UC Berkeley, see 4/1.

Interrogation Class with Pat Califia. Spons by QSM as part of their ongoing series of educational & artistic programs for the s/m community. Some players like the feeling of being physically or psychologically "coerced" to give information. Pat discusses ways to gather covert intelligence about your subject & integrate this into an erotic interrogation scene. $20-10 SL donation. Doors open at 7 pm, class 7:30-10 pm in a private SF space. Info: 550-7776.

Shabbat Gathering of Jewish lesbians, bisexual women & their women friends: Join us—let go of the week and your work, bring in Shabbat with song, food, schmoozing and Jewish culture—no experience necessary! 7:30 pm. Bring a substantial vegetarian potluck dish. Please wear no scents. SF location this month, for location & directions call 221-3765, for gen'l info call 821-4009.

At A Clean Well-Lighted Place for Books: Edith Mirante presents a slideshow and discussion of her book, *Burmese Looking Glass*, about the Burmese Civil War. 7:30 pm. Opera Plaza, 601 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 441-6670.

Concert at Calvary Methodist Church, 1400 Judah at 19th Ave, SF. Helen Pohl, violinist; Dmitry Cogan, pianist. Program: Works by Bach, Mozart, Janacek & Debussy. Info: 566-3704. 7:30 pm.

"Among My Wigs," night of wild one-man comedy with gay comic Mark Davis and his stable of edgy & hilarious characters, including dish queen Mavis Davis, Marks' mother from Minnesota, Dr Vishnu Tao, author of the bestselling book *So You Chose HIV*, Catherine Denouement, a sexual parasite who bears an uncanny resemblance to France's favorite film star, and others. 10 pm, $10 tonight & 4/9 & 16. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

Pomo Afro Homos in "Dark Fruit," see 4/1.

Concert with *Patchwork* (James Lee Harris Jr. and Miss Lily Gobeil) at Simple Pleasures Cafe, 35th & Balboa, SF. 8-10 pm. Info: 388-4539.

Club nZinga: Int'l dance party at El Rio, 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325. 9 pm-2 am, $3.

KQED's "Living Room Festival" continues with three offerings from the American Indian Film Festival. See *Vision of Seeks to Hunt Great*, a gentle parable of the symbiotic relationship btwn people and their environment; *Return of the Country*, a biting commentary on how the imposition of dominant culture values is perceived by those being disenfranchised; and *Indian Time I & II*, a look at the talent of well-known Native performers, including Buffy Sainte-Marie, Charlie Hill & Joanne Shendoah. 11 pm, KQED Channel 9.

APR 3 / SAT

Art & Disabilities: Issues & Solutions—4th National Conference presented by the Nat'l Institute of Art & Disabilities. 8:30 am-4:30 pm today & tmw. Speakers, panel discussions & exhibit focusing on the creativity of people with disabilities, with special emphasis on marketing & public education. Artists, art administrators, art educators & art therapists working with people with disabilities are welcome. Info/reg: (510) 620-0290. FAX (510) 620-0326.

Adopted? Today is the deadline to register for the 4/17 "Breath & Movement for Adoptees" wkshop, to help you transform patterns and heal experiences in a safe, supportive environment. Info: Amy Jane Cheney 647-1492.

Strategic Questioning: A wkshop for personal & social change with author Fran Peavey. Learn about SQ, a tool for educators, managers, business owners & individuals working for societal change. Wkshop includes theory, practical exercises, group discussion & comedy. Learn how to examine the assumptions behind planning for change & find strategies that promote change. 9:30-4:30 pm at Berkeley Fellowship of Unitarian Universalists, 1606 Bonita at Cedar, Berkeley. Info/reg: (510) 428-0240.

P.S. Bette Davis with Randy Allen at the Plush Room—See 4/5 listing for details.

Alameda Run with Eastbay Frontrunners: Take High Street exit off Hwy 880. Follow High St WEST toward Alameda to Otis Drive. Turn left on Otis & follow across bridge. Turn right on Island Dr & immediately right onto Veteran's Court. Meet 9:30 am, at end of court. Info: Roz (510) 939-3579 or Greg (510) 865-6792.

SF Hiking Club Russian Ridge Open

parents & kids box

Marin Lesbian & Gay Parents Group Easter Party: 4/10, 3-5 pm. Children of all ages are welcome! Info/location: 457-1115.

Transition to Parenthood groups for lesbian couples (inseminating, pregnant or parenting). Info: Institute for the Psychology of Women (510) 849-3256.

Richmond Art Center: Registration for spring classes open now. RAC offers over 40 classes & workshops for children & adults, in a wide variety of media. Register in person Tues-Fri, 9:30 am-4:30 pm, Sat & Sun noon-4:30 pm, or by mail. RAC is within walking distance of Richmond BART. Class schedule/info: (510) 620-6772. Classes start 3/30.

Children's Programs at La Pena: All events begin at 10:30 am; kids $2, adults $3. 3/27: Special family concert with British balladeer Leon Rosselson; tix for this show are $5 adults, $3 kids. 4/3: New & old folk songs for kids with Aileen Vance. 4/24: Stories, games & songs with Mickey Make Believe (aka Robert Rovin); music in Spanish & English with Alisa Peres. 5/1: Latin American music with Jackeline Rago and Erika Luckett. 5/15: The Boogie Down Jugglers prsent fast-paced, fun & funny "environmental edu-tainment"—unicycling, juggling, magic & more. 5/29: Songs & stories from around the world with Nancy Raven. 6/5: Stories & songs for the young at heart with storyteller/African thumb piano player Diane Ferlatte. 3105 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 849-2568.

Cody's for Kids: 4/3, 1 pm: Illustrator Sam Viviano reads from & signs copies of his book *The Magic Fish Rap*, a modern retelling of the classic tale *The Fisherman & His Wife*. Sam is a specialist in caricature & illustration, and will be doing caricatures of children (and perhaps adults) He's *very* good—don't miss! 4/10 at 3 pm: Walter the Giant Storyteller returns with stories to share for Easter & Passover. Cody's Bookstore, 2454 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 845-7852.

Storytime at Cody's: Held every Sat afternoon at Cody's Bookstore at 3 pm, unless another children's event is scheduled for that day. For info/schedule call (510) 845-7852. 2454 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley.

Saturdays at the Randall Museum: Programs for all ages, kids under 8 must be accompanied by an adult. Plenty of free parking available. Classes begin at 1 pm, and last 1-2 hrs. Schedule: 3/27: Chinese Brushpainting, with Lampo Leong. Wkshop explores Chinese traditional brushpainting techniques & their effect on modern art. $4/person. 4/3: Treasure Boxes with Kemit Amenophis. Create your own special treasure box using paper & mixed media materials of your choice. $4/person. 4/10: Paper Collage Easter Eggs with Mia Kodani. Use pretty Japanese papers to decorate eggs for Easter. $4/person. 4/17: Stories & Wildflowers with Margaret Goodale. Play games & enjoy stories about Spring. $1/person. 4/24: Animal Pop-Ups with Julie Dodd Tetzlaff. Learn to make fun & fanciful animal pop-up cards & books! $3/person. Call 554-9600 for more info. 199 Museum Way, SF. Spons by the SF Recreation & Parks Dept.

SF Public Library Eureka Valley Branch Children's Programs: Art exhibit—come see the Crowns made by 3rd grade students at Sanchez Elementary School, on exhibit thru 4/15. 3555 16th St, btwn Noe & Sanchez, SF. Info: 554-9445.

Gay & Lesbian Parents of independent school students are welcome to meet with gay & lesbian independent school teachers on 4/21 at 7:30 pm at Drew High School to discuss issues of mutual concern. Spons by the Bay Area Independent School Gay & Lesbian Caucus, a group of teachers working to promote awareness of issues facing gays, lesbians & bisexuals in Bay Area independent schools. Info: Blake 864-0727.

Eastbay Lesbian Moms interest group: Come meet other moms with children of all ages for friendship, networking, childcare exchange, potlucks, outings, fun! Info: (510) 836-2165.

Space Preserve Hike (Skyline Blvd/Hwy 35 at Page Mill Road-Alpine Road, southern San Mateo County). Hike on Bay Area and Mindego Ridge trails. Moderate. 5 mile distance with 1100-ft total elevation gain. 90 miles roundtrip by car. Cost per car $9, to be shared among passengers. Bring lunch & water, dress in layers, heavy rain cancels. Meet 9:30 am under the big Safeway sign, Market & Dolores, SF. Info: 255-1420 BEFORE 11 pm.

Names Project AIDS Memorial Quilt events at UC Berkeley, see 4/1.

Self-Defense for Women: Class taught by Nina Otis Haft, certified self-defense instructor; spons by UCSF Rape Prevention Education Program. 10 am-5 pm, $65. Class focuses on streetwise personal safety, defense & escape methods. Learn self-assertiveness skills & self-protection techniques in a safe & supportive environment. Class limited to 20 women. Wear loose, comfortable clothing & tennis shoes. Info/reg: 476-5222.

Exploring Internalized Homophobia: Wkshop offers an opportunity to explore how internalized homophobia has affected you—at work, play, in relationships, in the very core of yourself. 10 am-4 pm, $75. Led by Joan Monheit, LCSW, BCD and Thomas Kelem, MA. Info/res: (510) 845-1557. Eastbay location.

Goddess Religion & Ritual Magic Class: Led by Susan Levitt at Two Sisters Bookshop, 605 Cambridge Ave, Menlo Park. Noon-3 pm, $35. Info/res: 331-1028.

Open House at Shi'atsu Institute & Therapy Center: Demos, free mini-Shiatsu treatment, meet school instructors & students, register for classes. Tea & cookies served. Noon-5 pm. Info: 241-9740. 347 Dolores St, SF. Room 118. (Opposite Mission Dolores, ample parking in rear of building).

AGUILAS, gay & lesbian latino/a organization general meeting. 6-8 pm at St Francis Lutheran Church, 152 Church St, SF (across from Safeway). Program of film & video shorts, works in progress by Bay Area latino gay artists. Info: 648-3702.

At A Different Light Bookstore: Reading by students of author Bo Huston's writing class. 7:30 pm. 489 Castro St, SF. Info: 431-0891. Free.

Poetry of Social Justice: Program featuring reading by Berkeley street poet Julia Vinograd, poet & *Poetry Flash* editor Joyce Jenkins, poet & host of KPFA's poetry program Jack Foley. Followed by open reading. 7:30 pm, $6 donation benefits the Reconciling Congregations Program (an organization of United Methodists working for the full participation of gay men, lesbians & bisexuals in the Methodist church) and Albany Methodist Church. Held at Albany Methodist Church, Marin & Stannage, Albany. Info: (510) 526-7346.

Women's Philharmonic Concert at First Congregational Church, Post & Mason Sts, SF. Program Highlights: Victoria Bond's *Urban Birds*; Grazyna Bacewicz's *Concerto for String & Orchestra*; Ruth Crawford Seeger's *String Quartet 1931*. 8 pm, $21 at door, $19 in adv (543-2297). "Concert Conversations," informal discussion about the evening's program, held 7 pm in the concert hall, all tix holders are welcome. Free childcare available at the performance, with adv res.

Pomo Afro Homos in "Dark Fruit," see 4/1.

Monica Grant gives a night of wicked & touching love songs at Mama Bears, 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. 8 pm, $7-9. Women only. Info: (510) 428-9684.

At Sisterspirit Women's Bookstore/Coffeehouse: Mothertongue Feminist Reader's Theatre perform their script, "Speaking of Aging." 8:30 pm, $8-11 donation. 175 Stockton Ave, San Jose. Info: (408) 293-9372.

April Pranks Day at ATA (Artists' Television Access). See Chris Gore's *Red, Scott Clark's Unauthorized Access*, Ken Feingold's *Un Chien Delicieux*, and Erick Saks' *Fax Attack*; plus situationist shorts. 8:30 pm, $5. 992 Valencia St, SF. Info: 824-3890.

Alternative Music Night at El Rio with *The Ultras, Girl Can't Help It* and *Red Meat*. 3158 Mission St, SF. 10 pm-2 am, $5. Info: 282-3325.

Gay Comedy Night at Josie's Cabaret, with comics Marilyn Pittman, Scott Silverman & Maureen Brownsey. 10 pm, $10. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info: 861-7933.

APR 4 / S U N

No Limits—1-Day Wkshop for Creative Jewish Women: Focus on building community among Jewish women who are creating their lives exactly the way they want them to be; women committed to supporting each other in the process of shedding negative belief patterns that are a result of social oppression & personal history. For details call (510) 530-3740.

"The Dialectical Method," is this week's lecture for the Logic of Marxism class taught by feminist writer/theoretician Nellie Wong. Class explores the analytic method of Marxism as common sense thinking for the 21st century. Spons by Freedom Socialist Party. 11 am-1 pm, $4 gen'l, $2 low income. Valencia Hall, 523-A Valencia St, SF. Info: 864-1278.

Exotic Toys Class/Perverting Everyday Objects: Class with Peter Fiske & Ann Soucy-West. Spons by QSM as part of their ongoing series of artistic & educational programs for the s/m community. Peter shares items from his extensive collection of unusual & antique s/m implements from around the world; Ann shows how to use objects found in the home to create a scene. $20-10 SL donation. Doors open at 12:30 pm, class 1-3:15 in a private SF space. Info/location: 550-7776.

Oakland Lesbians: Live between Telegraph, Broadway, 40th & 51st streets? Meet your lesbian neighbors at today's backyard grill thing—2-5 pm. Come out & have fun, there's lots of us in the neighborhood! For info/location or to get on the mailing list call (510) 655-8792.

GAWK (Gay Artists & Writers Kollective) GawkZine meets 3 pm, every Sunday in April. For info/location: Jon Sugar 731-2424.

Bookparty at Mama Bears: Suzanne Sherman, author of *Lesbian & Gay Marriage: Private Commitments, Public Ceremonies*, discusses the issues around marriage in the gay/lesbian community —is marriage a positive political act, or a backward step? 3-5 pm, free. 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Info: (510) 428-9684.

At A Different Light Bookstore: Comics Tom Ammiano & Scott Cappuro sign copies of their *Almost Live On Video*, recorded in 1992 at Josie's Cabaret. 3:30 pm. 489 Castro St, SF. Info: 431-0891.

All-Out Comedy: Tom Ammiano, Marilyn Pittman, Scott Capurro & Karen Ripley, the stars of the nation's first gay & lesbian comedy stand-up video, sign copies of the tapes at A Different Light Bookstore, 489 Castro St, SF. The hilarious, 78-minute show was taped at Josie's Cabaret, mecca for gay & lesbian performers, and produced & directed by Emmy Award-winner Bohdan Zachary.

Salsa Garden Party at El Rio with *Azucar y Crema*. 4-8 pm, $7. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.

At ClaireLight Women's Books: Pauline Laurent shows you how to increase your awareness of your own self-esteem, break some of the unloving cycles you may be caught in. 5 pm, $3. 519 Mendocino Ave, Santa Rosa. Info: (707) 575-8879.

Country Western Dancing Outing with Palo Alto Lesbian Rap Group. 7 pm at Selections, 1984 Oakland Road, San Jose. For info/directions call Lynn (408) 737-9229 or Marilyn (415) 969-1260.

Krishnamurti Dialogue—see 3/28.

Baroque Concert with *Hausmusik*. Sonatas & suites by Bach, Telemann, Quantz & Weiss. 7:30 pm. Tix $15/$13 gen'l, $10 for Albany residents. Space limited, adv res suggested, call (510) 524-5661. St Alban's Episcopal Church, 1501 Washington St, Albany.

At A Different Light Bookstore: Authors Kathleen Richey (*Dogs Have Armpits, Too*) and Justin Bond (*Freudian Slippers*) share the stage and read together. 7:30 pm, free. 489 Castro St, SF. Info: 431-0891.

Afro Pomo Homos in "Dark Fruit," see 4/1.

The Art Outlaws: Barbara Golden & Frank Moore at Ashkenaz. Presentation of Golden's "Golden Girl" with Toyoji Tomita and Moore's ritual/rock musical "Cabinet of Dreams" with the Chero Company & All-Star Band. Doors open at 7:30 pm, show at 8. $5-10 SL. 1317 San Pablo Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 526-7858.

APR 5 / MON

Last Day for adv reg discount for Fall in Love with Guitar & Vocals spring classes, see 3/28.

Bi-Friendly SF meets for food, drink & conversation at the Village Deli, 495 Castro St, SF, at 7 pm. All bisexuals (and bi-friendly others) are welcome! Info: Pierre 648-6332.

Wicca: Craft of the Wise—Class exploring the history, mythology, pantheon, symbols, philosophy, ethics & cultural heritage of Wicca, the earth-based, shamanic, spiritual tradition of Europe. Learn to harmonize & enrich your life thru the use and practice of seasonal & personal rituals, spell work, invocations, herbal & candle magic. Every Monday in April, 7-10 pm, $10 per class (seating limited to the first 50 people). Seventh Heaven Cafe, 224 Greenfield Ave, San Anselmo. Taught by multicultural artist, Motik. Info: 721-0837.

Gay Comedy Open Mike at Josie's Cabaret with emcee Scott Silverman. 8 pm, $10. Aspiring lesbian & gay performers sign up by phone. 3583 16th St, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

Krishnamurti Video & Dialogue, see 3/29.

Erotic Writing Wkshop with Carol Queen: 2-part workshop (8-10 pm tonight & 4/12) helps you turn your dreams and adventures into torrid tales, for publication or for your private notebooks. Come make your writing spicier & more realistic by leaving the sex in! $30, pre-reg required, call 974-8980. Good Vibrations, 1210 Valencia St at 23rd, SF.

P.S. Bette Davis: Actor Randy Allen in an on-the-money recreation of one of Hollywood's greatest starts. His acclaimed one-man show previews 4/5-7 at the Plush Room, 940 Sutter St, SF. Preview tix benefit three local AIDS organizations (Visual Aid, the Parachute Fund & the Lemon Fund) that provide assistance to visual artists, dancers & actors living with HIV/AIDS. Benefit tix are available at A Different Light Bookstore, 489 Castro St, SF and at Under One Roof, 2362 Market St, SF or call the Plush Room 885-6800.

APR 6 / T U E

Old Lesbian Spring Dance spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders). 3-6 pm, $10. Women of all ages are welcome! Lake Merritt Boathouse, Oakl. Info: GLOE 626-7000.

Paper Tiger TV Benefit: See two new videotapes on pirate radio, plus live mini-FM radio broadcast. Info: 552-PTTV. 7:30 pm, $5 donation benefits Paper Tiger TV. New College, 777 Valencia St, SF.

Benefit Dinner for Legacy Oral Project: Legacy was formed in 1988 to preserve the artistic legacies of SF Bay Area dance community members who are at risk (elders and those with life-threatening illnesses, with a special interest in those challenging AIDS). Prix fixe dinner includes soup or salad, 2nd course, main course & dessert—$36 per person ($12 donated directly to Legacy to support the production of new oral histories). Seatings at 6 & 8 pm at Acorn Tea & Griddle, 1256 Folsom St btwn 8th & 9th, SF. Info/res: 255-4800.

"Ancient Hawaiian Huna Teachings," a talk by Rev Blanche Yarbrough, Church of Amron minister. 7 pm, free. Amron Metaphysical Center, 2254 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 775-0227.

Gay Men's Sketch: Male figure drawing for all skill levels. Classical nude modeling by Jim Sweet. 7 pm. 1229 Folsom St, SF. Info/res: 621-6294.

Bi-Friendly Eastbay meets for food, drink & conversation, see 3/30.

At A Clean Well-Lighted Place for Books: Louis B Jones (*Ordinary Money*) reads from his new book, *Particles & Luck*. 7:30 pm. Opera Plaza, 601 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 441-6670.

APR 7 / W E D

HIV Wellness Program spons by AIDS Interfaith of Marin. Zoe Walton discusses "Chinese Medicine, Acupuncture & Herbs," at Marin General Hospital. Info: Amira 457-1129.

Author Jean Shinoda Bolen reads from her new book, *Ring of Power: The Abandoned Child, the Authoritarian Father & the Disempowered Feminine*. Bolen looks to the richly mythic multigenerational family drama of the Ring Cycle operas for archteypal truths & liberating insights. Noon-2 pm, free. Toland Hall, UCSF, 533 Parnassus, SF.

Men's Discovery Group spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders) meets today. Topic: How Far Out of the Closet are You? Led by George Birimisa. 145 Guerrero, SF. For time & other info call 626-7000.

FLAG (Federal Lesbians & Gays) Quarterly Mtg: 5:30 pm at Charpe's Bar & Grill, 131 Gough St, SF. Presentation of 1993 SAMMY Award to the Regional Forest Service Civil Rights Committee & management team, for their efforts in getting the US Forest Service to add sexual orientation to its national civil rights policy. Info: 398-1975.

Feminist Women's Passover Seder spons by Spectrum's Women's Spirituality Group: 6 pm at Congregation Rodef Sholom, 170 N San Pedro Rd, San Rafael. Join us for a potluck Passover Seder dinner, share in the Jewish traditions & rituals of liberation & rebirth. All women & children are welcome! WA (Wheelchair Accessible). Potluck and $8-15 donation. Reservations must be made by 4/1, $18 without reservation (limited seating). Call 457-1115 for reservations & food assignments. Smoke & alcohol-free event, no one turned away for lack of funds.

Marin BACW Course in Miracles Group meets 7-9 pm. Info/location: Sharon 453-9317.

At A Clean Well Lighted Place for Books: *SF Chronicle* feature writer Shann Nix reads from her debut novel, *Wildcatting*. 7:30 pm. Opera Plaza, 601 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 441-6670.

At A Different Light Bookstore: Former National Public Radio reporter Frank Browning reads from his ground-breaking new book, *The Culture of Desire*. 489 Castro St, SF. 7:30 pm. Info: 431-0891. Free.

Bisexual Rap Group meets 7:30-9 pm for social hour at local cafe, followed by rap time. $5 (no one turned away for lack of funds). Info/location 457-1115.

Justin Chin's "Somewhere Fudging," at Josie's Cabaret: One queer Asian's unending search for Mr Right/Right-Now/Whatever, featuring Jesselito Cocjin Bie. Tonight's performance benefits the Asian AIDS Project & includes preview of Chin's work-in-progress, "Advice for Tragic Queens at Home & Abroad," $15-20 SL. Show runs Wed-Sun tonight thru 4/18 at 8 pm. Tix $10 for all shows save the opening benefit. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

Project Inform Town Mtgs: Introductory meeting offers overview of HIV disease, immune monitoring and treatment strategy, for people who are HIV-positive, plus general population. At MCC-SF (Metropolitan Community Church), 150 Eureka St, SF. For time & other info call 558-9051.

APR 8 / T H U

Spike & Mike's Festival of Animation: 4/8-12 at Wheeler Auditorium, UC Berkeley and 4/16-5/9 at Palace of Fine Arts Theatre, 2601 Lyon St, SF. Fest features a diverse collection of 17 animated short films from 6 countries. Festival highlight: Oscar-nominated *Bunraku*, the sorrowful story of two ill-fated lovers. Film combines classic Japanese design, animated Bunraku puppets, two-dimensional drawn imagery and three-dimensional stop motion animation, "achieving a minature bursting world of mannered beauty & obsessive passion." Adv tix available at BASS & the ASUC Box Office (Berkeley). For showtimes & more info call Palace of Fine Arts (415) 567-6642 or (510) 642-7511 (Wheeler Auditorium Shows).

Men's Friendship Group spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders) meets 2:45 pm at 711 Eddy St, SF. Info: 626-7000.

Domestic Partner Benefits Forum at UCSF: General public is welcome to attend tonight's informational presentation on domestic partner benefits for gay, lesbian, bisexual & heterosexual staff, faculty & students in the statewide UC system. 5:30-7:30 in Langley Porter Auditorium, 401 Parnassus Ave, SF. Speakers include Nancy Stoller, UC Santa Cruz professor & co-author of UC's Subcommittee on Affirmative Action's current proposal for domestic partner benefits. Info: Out at UC 255-1332.

Rainbow's End support group for lesbian, gay, bisexual & questioning youth —see 4/1.

Palo Alto Lesbian Rap Group meets 7:30-9 pm at MidPeninsula YWCA, 4161 Alma, Palo Alto. Tonight's topic: Lesbian Legal Issues. Info: Lynn (408) 737-9229 or Marilyn (415) 969-1260. All women welcome.

New Horizons, social/support group for lesbian, gay & bisexual young adults, see 4/1.

Altarcation II—Jesus Christ Superstar: Club F/X in SAn Jose celebrates Easter with "a mini pop angst opera" performed by the F/X Players at midnight; bringing to life Catholic ritual, idolatry, angst and guilt. Show uses musical excerpts from the hit Broadway show, highlighted by local chanteuses Bronni Bakke & Tami Plescher singing the Andrew Lloyd Webber hit, "I Don't Know How to Love Him." Installations, shrines, idols & altars created by some of SF's and San Jose's premier visual artists in a variety of mediums will be on display as part of this queer Holy Week celebration (thru 4/11). Info: (408) 298-6861 or (408) 298-9796.

Justin Chin's "Somewhere Fudging," at Josie's Cabaret, see 4/7 listing for details.

1993 Bay Area Dance Series, the region's largest dance festival, concludes with Jon Weaver at 8 pm tonight & 4/9 and the Macfarland/Whisper DanceArt Company at 8 pm on 4/10 and at 3 & 7 pm on 4/11. At Laney College Theatre, 900 Fallon St at 9th, Oakland. Tix $14 gen'l at door, $12 in adv; $10 stdnts & srs; $5 kids 12 & under. Info: (510) 762-BASS.

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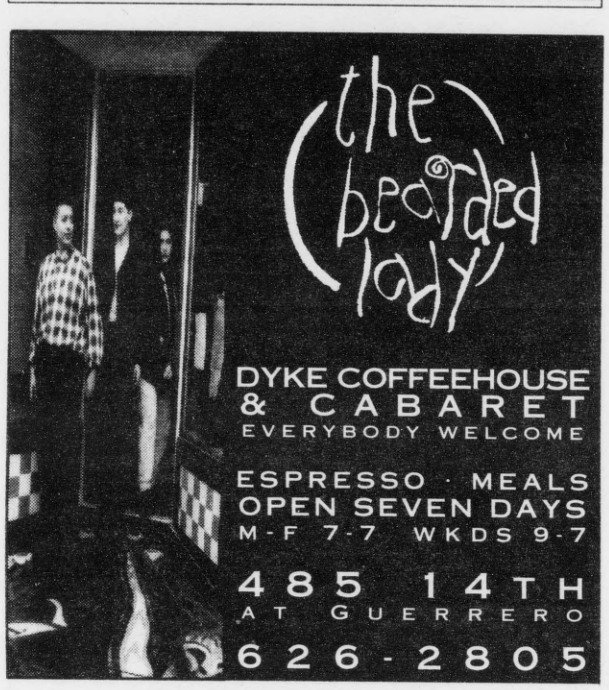

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galleries

On Exhibit at the de Young: "Viewpoints XX: Louis Comfort Tiffany & Art Glass," exhibit of art glass by Tiffany and his American & European contemporaries, plus examples of the ancient iridescent glass that inspired his works, thru 8/22. "Plein Air Sketches by Julian Walbridge Rix," exhibit of oil-on-panel sketches by the renowned landscape artist (1850-1903); thru 5/2. "Symphonies on Stone: Lithographs by James McNeill Whistler," thru 5/9. "Art Nouveau Dress," exhibit featuring a dozen costumes & fans reflecting the swirling curves & clear colors of Art Nouveau style; thru 9/12. Golden Gate Park, SF. Hrs: Wed-Sun 10 am-5 pm. Fee: $8 gen'l, $4 kids age 12-17, $5 srs (65 & over), kids under 12 are free. Info: 750-3614.

SF Museum of Modern Art: Exhibit of work by visionary Japanese architect Shin Takamatsu, thru 6/6. "On Kawara: Date Paintings in 89 Cities," paintings by conceptual artist On Kawara, on exhibit thru 4/11. "Clifford Still: The buffalo & SF Collections," touring exhibit, thru 6/13. Exhibit of photos, early drawings & collages, recent silkscreen paintings & fiberglass sculpture by Richard Prince, 4/29-7/25. 401 Van Ness Ave, SF. Hrs: 10 am-5 pm, Tues, Wed & Fri; 10 am-9 pm Thurs; 11 am-5 pm Sat & Sun. Tix $4 gen'l, $2 srs & stdnts, kids under 13 are free. Info: 252-4000.

Judah L Magnes Museum: "Kafka, Eve, the Wolf & My Grandmother's Bread Bowl: 4 Calif Artists Confront Jewish Identity," works by Laurie Poilster, Elisse Pogofsky-Harris, William Rosen & Rachel Schreiber on exhibit thru 5/23. "Meditations Concealed & Revealed," large mixed media pieces & an installation by Shoshana Greenberg, on exhibit thru 5/23. Hrs: Sun-Thurs, 10 am-4 pm. Closed Jewish & federal holidays. Info: (510) 849-2710. 2911 Russell St, Berkeley.

The Jewish Museum: Hrs: Sun-Wed 11 am-5 pm, Thurs 11 am-7 pm. 121 Steuart St, SF. Info: 543-8880.

The Mexican Museum: "Burning Dreams: Selected Works by Carlos Almaraz," an LA-based Chicano painter who died of AIDS in 1989. Thru 5/9. Space will be provided in the gallery for visitors to share the names of other artists who have died of AIDS. For other programs related to this exhibit call 441-0445. Ft Mason Center, Bldg D, Laguna & Marina Blvds, SF. Hrs: Wed-Sun, noon-5 pm. $3 gen'l, $2 stdnts & srs, kids under 10 are free, first Wed of each month admission is free, noon-8 pm.

Ansel Adams Center: 250 Fourth St, SF. "Body Doubles," photography representing the human body as a site of desire. Work by Hans Bellmer, David Levinthal, Cindy Sherman, David Pace & Victor Bellomo; thru 4/25. Hrs: Tues-Sun, 11 am-6 pm. $4 gen'l, $3 stdnts, $2 srs/youth 12-17, kids under 12 are free. Info: 495-7000.

SF Camerawork: Kim Abeles, "Presidential Commemorative Smog Plates," Hans Staartjes, "Televisionary Manifesto," Kelly Wood, "Lurch," on exhibit thru 4/10. Hrs: Noon-5 pm Tues-Sat. 70 12th St, btwn Market & Mission at South Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 621-1001.

Cartoon Art Museum: "Invisible Lives: The City of Will Eisner," 72 original drawings on exhibit thru 4/18. 665 Third St at Townsend, SF. Hrs: 11 am-5 pm Wed-Fri, 10 am-5 pm Sat, Sun 1-5 pm. $3 gen'l, $2 stdnts & srs, kids 12 & under are free. Info: 546-3922.

Clay Studio: "On Bended Knee," recent sculpture by Leigh Barbier, 4/24-5/30. Reception 4/24, 6-8 pm. Hrs: 10 am-5 pm Wed, Fri & Sat & by appt. 52 Julian Ave, SF. Info: 431-6296.

Edith Caldwell Gallery: Exhibit of etchings & drawings by Erik Desmazieres, on exhibit thru 3/30. 215 Post St, SF, 2nd floor. Hrs: Mon-Sat 11 am-5 pm. Info: 989-5414.

Eye Gallery: 1151 Mission St, SF. Hrs: Tues-Sat, noon-5 pm. Info: 431-6911.

Forbidden Images Gallery: "From the Street," work by graffiti/street artist Salvador Loujan. Show runs thru 4/9. Billy De Frank Community Center, 175 Stockton Ave, San Jose. Hrs: Mon-Fri 6-9 pm, Sat & Sun noon-6 pm. Info: 280-5313.

John Pence Gallery: Exhibit of recent pastel paintings by Clark Mitchell, thru 4/10. 750 Post St, SF. Info: 441-1138.

Robert Dana Gallery: Group show of oils on canvas by 4 emerging figurative artists from Europe, Mexico & the United States: Sarena Rosenfeld, Patricia Torres, Giovanni Mancini & Dmitry Strizhov. Exhibit runs thru 3/29. 1849 Union St, SF. Hrs: Mon & Wed-Sat, 10 am-6 pm; Sun 11 am-5 pm. Info: 749-1849.

Robert Koch Gallery: "Notorious," exhibit of photographs by Herb Ritts. 49 Geary St, SF. Hrs: Tues-Sat 11 am-5:30 pm. Info: 421-0122.

SF Craft & Folk Art Museum: "Beads: Ancient, Traditional, Tribal & Trade," on exhibit thru 4/25; "Memories in the Tips of Our Fingers," works by political refugees & survivors of torture in Latin America, thru 4/25. Hrs: 11 am-5 pm, Tues-Sun; 10 am-5 pm, Sat. Ft Mason Ctr Bldg A, SF. Info: 775-0990.

SF Art Institute Diego Rivera Gallery: "Morals & Labels in an Age of Self-Discovery," a mixed media art exhibit by Susanne C Deising; thru 3/27. At Walter/McBean Gallery: "Nobody's Pet Indian," exhibit of photo & photocollage work by Native American artist Hulleah J Tsinhnahjinnie, exploring issues of Native American experience & identity; 4/1-5/1. SFAI, 800 Chestnut St, SF. Hrs: Tues-Sat, 10 am-5 pm; Thurs till 8 pm. Info: 771-7020.

Stamp Francisco Gallery: 466 8th St, SF. Hrs: Mon-Fri 10 am-5 pm, Sun 11 am-3 pm. Info: 252-5975.

University Art Museum: "Gentle-Man Friends," an exhibit of bookbinding work by Jonathan Hammer, thru 4/18. "Jim & Sylvia," an installation by Lutz Bacher, on exhibit thru 4/18. 2625 Durant Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 642-0808.

Pacific Film Archive: "Ciao Antonioni: The Complete Works of Michelangelo Antonioni," 15 programs screened thru 4/18, a complete retrospective of the work of one of international cinema's most important directors. 2625 Durant Ave, Berkeley. Info. (510) 642-1412.

Turn of the Century Fine Arts: 2518 San Pablo Ave, Berkeley. Hrs: Noon-5 pm, Wed-Sat. Info: (510) 849-0950.

Vision Gallery: "Godfrey Frankel: Vintage & Modern Prints," on exhibit thru 3/27; "Mario Cravo Neto," photography by the Brazilian artist; on exhibit 4/1-5/15, reception 4/1, 6-8 pm. "Digitally Altered Photographs," by Graham Nash, on exhibit 4/1-5/15. Reception 4/1, 6-8 pm. Hrs: Mon-Fri, 9 am-6 pm. 1155 Mission St, SF. Info: 621-2107.

MACE Space for Art: "Destiny's Feast," powerful mixed media installation by Stephanie Wilger, dealing with issues of fecundity, sexuality, spirituality, gender & duality. On exhibit thru 4/10. 1319 Pine St at Hyde, SF. Hrs: Tues-Fri 5-9 pm, Sat noon-5 pm, and by appt. Info: 931-9670.

Mincher/Wilcox Gallery: 228 Grant Ave, SF. Info: 433-4660.

Three Muses Artspace: Hrs: Sundays by appt. 395 Valencia St, SF. Info: 255-7420.

Pro Arts Gallery: "Lineage," paintings by Claude Clark, Sr and sculpture by Claude Clark, Jr. On exhibit thru 4/24. 461 9th St at Broadway, nr 12th, Oakl. Hrs: Wed-Thurs noon-6 pm, Fri-Sat 10 am-5 pm. Info: (510) 763-4361.

"On Bended Knee," recent sculpture by Leigh Barbier, at the Clay Studio. See Galleries for info.

Richmond Art Center: Hrs: Tues-Fri 10 am-4:30 pm; Sat-Sun noon-4:30 pm. Civic Center Plaza, Richmond. Info: (510) 620-6772.

ATA Gallery: "Lucky Buck/Sex Vice," a window installation by John Byrd exploring how ethnicity, stereotypes & sexism are used in advertising & selling products. Thru March at Artists' Television Access Gallery, 992 Valencia St at 21st, SF. Info: 824-3890.

ARU Gallery: Group show, works by printmakers Xavier Viramontes & Hideo C Yoshida; plus exhibit of floral vessels by six artists—Anne Black, Mary Button Durell, Perry Hoffman, Elisa Jimenez, Dianne Romaine & Don Suyeyasu. On exhibit thru 4/3. Hrs: 11 am-7 pm, Tues-Sat. 736 14th St, SF. Info: 621-1551.

NIAD Gallery: Hrs: Mon-Fri 9 am-4 pm, Sat 11 am-3 pm. 551 23rd St, Richmond. Info: (510) 620-0290.

New Langton Arts Gallery: Installations by Nancy Munford, Gay Outlaw & Paul Ramirez-Jonas, on exhibit 3/31-5/15. Reception 3/31, 6-8 pm. Hrs: Wed-Sat, noon-5 pm. 1246 Folsom St, SF. Info: 626-5416.

Meridian Gallery: "Divinations," paintings & sculpture by Robert Kostka, on exhibit thru 3/27. Closing slide lecture by the artist, "On the Edge of Memory," 3/27 at 4 pm. "Heroes," photography by Hulleah Tsinhnahjinnie, on exhibit 4/1-5/1, opening recepiton 4/1, 6-8 pm. Closing slide lecture by the artist, 5/1 at 4 pm. Hrs: Tues-Sat 1-5 pm, and by appt. Info: 398-7229. 545 Sutter St, btwn Powell & Mason Sts, SF. 2nd floor.

Oakland Museum: "The Arts & Crafts Movement in California: Living the Good Life," exploration of Calif's unique contribution to the British-born arts & crafts movement of the mid-1890s to the 1930s; on exhibit thru 5/23. 1000 Oak St, Oakl. Info: (510) 238-3401.

Ghia Gallery: "Figure it Out," exhibit of work by 17 Bay Area artists in a wide variety of media, dealing with the human figure; on exhibit thru 4/3. 2648 3rd St, SF. Hrs: Thurs-Sat 1-5 pm, and by appt. Info: 282-2832.

"John LeFlore: Paintings & Drawings," on exhibit thru 4/15 at Bagdad Cafe, 2295 Market St, SF. Info: 621-4431.

"Backyard Views," lithographic, intaglio & relief prints by Ethan Bryson on exhibit thru 4/17 at Goat Hill Pizza, 300 Connecticut at 18th, SF. Info: 641-1440.

"Edifice Complex," architectural works on paper by Karen Wesler. On exhibit thru 3/27 at 595 Market St, SF. 8 am-6 pm Mon-Fri. Info: 512-6801.

"Adelie Landis: On Foot", Exhibit of work by Adelie Landis at Kennedy Art Center Gallery, Holy Names College, 3/28-5/16 (closed 4/7-11).

Paintings by Nelson, sculpture by Susanne Wibroe, on exhibit at E'Space Pierrot Gallery, thru 4/21. Info: 861-4657. 520 Hayes St, SF.

"Acceptable Distress," photography by Robert Cardellino, on exhibit 4/5-5/31 at Architects & Heroes, 2239 Fillmore St, SF. Reception 4/9, 7-9 pm. Info: 921-8383.

Paintings by David Abbott from the 1970s-1980s, on exhibit at Josie's Cabaret thru April. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info: 861-7933.

Black & White photographs by Cole Wiley on exhibit at Cafe Francisco, 2161 Powell at Francisco, SF. 4/1-5/15. Info: 397-2602.

Hand-colored photographs by Barbara Klutinis on exhibit at SF Unitarian Church, 1187 Franklin St at Geary, SF. 4/3-30.

Erotic Art by May Jeneieve on exhibit at Good Vibrations thru April & May. 1210 Valencia St at 23rd, SF. Info: 974-8980.

"Reliquaries," sculpture exhibit by Daniel Goldstein, 3/21-29 at 224 Guerrero St, SF. Info: 621-5761.

on stage

Livin' on Salvation Street by Terry Gardner. Comedy details one eventful week in the life of three generations of an all-female Kentucky family, circa 1958. Theatre Rhinoceros production. Previews 3/26, runs 3/27-5/1. Tix $11-17. For showtimes, res & other info call 861-5079. 2926 16th St, SF.

Black Teeth: An Obscene, Deliberately Repellent, Mean Piece of Work by Mel Clay. Play about a wine connoisseur, a big-game sport fisherman and a woman chained to the wall. Marilyn Monroe Memorial Theater production. Play runs Fri-Sat at 9 pm, thru 3/27. Tix $12. Marilyn Monroe Memorial Theater, 96 Lafayette St, btwn 11th & 12th, off Howard, SF. Info/res: 552-3034.

Unquestioned Integrity: The Hill/Thomas Hearings, a dramatic adaptation of the transcripts of the Senate confirmation hearings of Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas, by Mame Hunt, conceived by Larry Eilenberg. Magic Theatre production. Play runs Wed-Sat at 8:30 pm, Sun at 2 & 7:30 pm, thru 3/28. Tix $12-21. Magic Theatre Northside, Ft Mason Center Bldg D, SF. Info/res: 441-8822.

Twyla's Boy by Charles E Polly. Uproarious, first-hand account of growing up gay in the hills and hollers of Appalachian Kentucky; an intimate expose of a rural family struggling with contemporary definitions of home. The Marsh production. Play runs thru 3/28 at 8:30 pm. Tix: $7-10 SL fee on Thurs, $8 Sun, $12 Fri & Sat ($10 srs, stdnts & financially disadvantaged). The Marsh, 1062 Valencia St, SF. Info/res: 641-0235.

I'm Not Perfect, touching, funny one-man solo performance cum emotional travelogue centered on growing up in a Jewish neighborhood in Boston. Play explores the back-and-forth struggle of becoming a person while being a performer. Play runs Wed-Sat at 8:30 pm, Sun at 3:30 pm, thru 3/28. Asian American Theater Center, 403 Arguello Blvd, SF. Tix $10-12. Info/res: 751-2600.

Awed Behavior by Rinde Eckert, music composed by Paul Dresher. New opera theatre work inspired by the lives & works of Mary & Percy Bysshe Shelley. Play focuses on two lovers, a poet & a novelist, as they explore their individual creative processes as well as personal interactions, ranging from the sublime to the ridiculous; each character envisions fantasies & nightmares of the other, blurring the fact & fiction of their mythic relationship into monsters of their own creation. Paul Dresher Ensemble production. Runs Wed-Sun thru 3/28. Tix $16.50 Wed, Thurs & Sun; $18.50 Fri & Sat. Theatre Artaud, 450 Florida St at 17th, SF. Info/res: 621-7797.

Fish Head Soup by Philip Kan Gotan-

da. Matt Iwasaki returns home after having faked his death 5 years before. He's been to Japan, had a minor epiphany about his Asianness, and now wants his family to mortgage their house so he can make a movie about Japanese Americans. When he returns home, however, he finds his household very changed. Asian American Theater Company production. Play runs Wed-Sun thru 4/4. 8 pm Wed-Sat, 3 pm Sun. Tix $13-15. Info/res: 751-2600. Asian American Theater Center, 403 Arguello Blvd, SF. Info/res: 751-2600.

Don James a new comedy written & performed by Theatre Au Naturel. Don James, the famous Italian lover, & his servant Andrew, return home after littering the continent of Europe with the satisfied bodies of thousands of women. Play runs Thurs-Sat at 7 pm, Sun at 2 pm, thru 3/28. Asian American Theater Center, 403 Arguello St, SF. Tix $10-12. Info/res: 751-2600.

Noises Off! by Michael Frayn. Backstage theater farce, a hilarious look at everything that could go wrong in a theatrical performance. Cabaret Theatre production. Runs Fri-Sat thru 4/3. tix $7 gen'l, $6 stdnts & srs. Cabaret Theatre, Adelphian Club Bldg, corner of Central Ave & Walnut St, Alameda. Info/res: (510) 521-9554.

We Are Here... Dark Divas. Avant-garde dinner show featuring storytelling monologues, poetry & songs about "loving a man from his head to toes and all the paradise in between." The Dark Divas are Ross Hanna & Uthra (aka Lorenzo Buford). 3/29 at Muchachas Restaurant, 4238 18th St, SF. Tix $25 dinner & show, no-host bar. Seating limited. Info/res: 929-1430.

The Real Live Brady Bunch a staged reenactment of the '70s sitcom, by Faith & Jill Soloway. Part theater, part comedy night, and all party, the show's scripts are taken from the most memorable episodes of the popular TV series. Features heavy audience participation, as spectators sing along with actors, howl at vintage fashions & shout out their favorite lines. A different Brady episode is performed each week. Show runs along with **The Real Live Game Show**, created & hosted by Eric Waddell, who, in the guise of a game show host, invites the audience to compete for fabulous prizes. Show runs Tues-Thurs at 8 pm, Fri & Sat at 7 & 9:30 pm, and midnight, thru April 11. Tix $18.50-$25.50, available at (510) 762-BASS. Alcazar Theatre, 650 Geary St, SF.

Trouble by Steve Friedman. Haunting drama about the state of the world at the end of the 20th century. Magic Theatre production. Runs Wed-Sat at 8:30 pm, Sun at 2 pm, thru 4/4 (closing performance at 7:30 pm). Magic Theatre, Ft Mason Center Bldg D, SF. Tix $12-21. Info/res: 441-8822.

The Conquest of the South Pole by Manfred Karge, translated by Ralf E Remshardt, Caron Cadle & Cal MacLean. Drama explores the dignity inherent in the imagination of 5 unemployed men. Jawbone Theatre Ensemble production. Runs Fri & Sat thru 4/3 at 8 pm, Sun 3/28 & 4/1 at 7 pm. Studio 2505, 2505 Mariposa St, SF. Tix $8 gen'l, $6 stdnts & srs. Info/res: (510) 654-9072.

HMS Pinafore by Gilbert & Sullivan opens Lamplighters Music Theatre's 41st season. A family favorite at Presentation Theatre, 2350 Turk Blvd at Masonic. Show runs Fri & Sat at 8 pm, Sun at 2 pm, thru 4/25. Tix $22. Info/res: 752-7755.

Nighthawks by Evan Blake. Play based on Edward Hopper's oil painting, "Nighthawks," which depicts three patrons and a counterman in a diner late at night on a deserted city street. Artfull Circle Theatre production. Runs Thurs-Sat at 8 pm, Sun at 4 pm, thru 4/11. Tix $10. Info/res: 626-5455. Artfull Circle Theatre, 47 Waller St, btwn Laguna & Octavia, SF.

Claustrophilia by Amy Freed. An unconventional romantic comedy about voluntary entombment. Play takes a satirical look at the brilliance of Edgar Allen Poe as it tells the final chapter of the marriage of Poe and his child-bride/cousin, Virginia "Sissy" Clemm; beguiling parable of sexual politics. Play runs with Freed's new work, **The Ghoul of Amherst**, a solo piece about the obsessive nature of Emily Dickinson. Climate Theatre production. Runs Thurs-Sun at 8 pm, thru 4/21. Climate Theatre, 252 9th St, SF. Info/res: 626-9196.

Psycho Beach Party by Charles Busch. Off-Broadway hit, this show is a funny, campy, kitschy comedy based on the Gidget movies of the 1960s. Play opens 4/9 at Artful Circle Theater, 47 Waller btwn Laguna & Octavia, SF. Tix $15. Info/res: 558-8172. $1 of each ticket goes to Stop AIDS Project.

Dolls by Phillip R Ford plays Wed-Sat at 8 pm thru 4/3 at On Broadway Theater, 435 Broadway btwn Montgomery & Kearny, SF. Info/res: 776-8999.

Orestes by Euripedes. Thick Description production of classic play. Runs Thurs-Sat at 8 pm thru 4/24. Tix $8-12 SL fee: Noh Space, 2840 Mariposa, SF. Info/res: 621-7978.

Goose & Tom Tom by David Rabe. Comedy about two paranoid, small-time gangsters. Phoenix Theatre production. Runs Fri-Sun thru 4/25. Tix $14 Fri & Sat, $10 Sun. Phoenix Theatre, 301 8th St, SF. Info/res: 621-4423.

The Night Larry Kramer Kissed Me by David Drake. One-man odyssey about coming of age during the age of AIDS; a witty, sexy & political manifesto. 4/3 benefit performance for Theatre Rhinoceros, 8:45 pm, $24 show only, $50 show & reception. Play opens 4/1, for regular performance schedule call 861-5079.

Food Taboos in the Land of the Dead by the Medea Project. Character study follows an African American girl from cradle to grave. Runs 4/1-4 and 9-10 at Lorraine Hansberry Theatre 620 Sutter St, SF. Info/res: 474-8800. Tix $10-15.

Jack Takes It Back by SF Mime Troupe. A modern-day version of the classic children's fairytale, "Jack & the Beanstalk". Runs Sat & Sun, 3/27-28, 4/3 & 4, at 2 pm at Teatro Mission Cultural Ctr, 2868 Mission St, SF. Tix $5 adults, $3 kids; no one turned away for lack of funds. Info: Lisa Johnston 285-7088.

Antigona Furiosa by Jorge Liderman, based on the play by Griselda Gambaro. Berkeley Contemporary Opera production. Also **The Lighthouse** by Peter Maxwell Davies. Show runs 3/31-4/4. 3/30 at 8 pm, 4/1-3 at 8 pm, 4/4 at 3 pm. Tix $25 preferred, $18 gen'l, $6-10 student. Info/res: (510) 84-JULIA. Julia Morgan Theater, 2640 College Ave, Berkeley.

Aspects of Love by Andrew Lloyd Webber. Musical tells the story of 5 people whose passionate & tangled relationships stretch over a 17-year period. Best of Broadway production. Opens 3/30, runs Tues-Sat at 8 pm, Wed & Sat matinees at 2 pm, Sun matinees at 3 pm thru 4/25. For tix & other info call 776-1999. Curran Theatre, 445 Geary St, SF.

i.e. Deutschland IV, solo performance by Karina Epperlein deals with contemporary German history from WWII to the present. Opens 3/31; runs Thurs-Sat at 8:30 pm, Sun at 3:30 pm thru 4/25. Asian American Theater Center, 403 Arguello Blvd, SF. Info/res: 751-2600. Tix $10-12.

Why We Have a Body by Claire Chafee. Contemporary comedy, a humorous exploration of female myths & relationships. Play follows Lili, a private investigator, who is having an affair with a married woman. Magic Theatre production. Runs 4/14-5/2, Wed-Sat at 8:30 pm, Sun at 2 pm. Closing night performance 5/2 at 7:30 pm. Tix $12-21. Info/res: 441-8822.

Oklahoma Gothic an evening of gothic tales & country ballads written by Ronnie Dee Blair, Lee Brady, Michael Lynch & Clyde Pack. Show runs Wed-Sat at 8 pm, Sun at 7 pm thru 4/11. Cable Car Theatre, 430 Mason St, SF. Info/res: 989-9132.

Brave Smiles... Another Lesbian Tragedy: An erotic, neurotic, tongue-in-cheek send-up of lesbian stereotypes from classic films and plays, performed by New York's Five Lesbian Brothers. Show runs 4/1-11in Theatre Rhino Studio, 2926 16th St, SF. Tix $10-12. Info/res: 861-5079.

Jesus Christ Superstar highly acclaimed rock opera with music by Andrew Lloyd Webber and lyrics by Tim Rice. Runs Thurs-Sat at 8 pm, Sun at 2:30 pm thru 3/28 at Fox Theatre, 2215 Broadway, Redwood City. Tix $12-16. Info/res: 329-2623.

The Big Funk by John Patrick Shamley. A provocative comedy that holds a funhouse mirror up to contemporary society. A Theatre Valentine production. Runs Thurs-Sun at 8 pm, 4/1-5/1, $9.95. Above Brainwash Theatre, 1126 Folsom St, SF. Info/res: 267-7616.

resource guide

► AIDS RESOURCES

ACT UP/SF meets Thurs, 7:30 pm, at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. Direct action & civil disobedience to end the AIDS epidemic & the injustices around it. Call 621-0291 for info. WA.

ACT-UP/Golden Gate meets Tues at 7 pm at 590 Castro St, Ste B (2nd level, call ahead if you need special assistance), SF. Info: 241-8800 or FAX 252-9277.

PISD (People with Immune System Disorder), a caucus of ACT UP, for all people with immune disorders. Call 563-0724 for info.

ACT-UP Eastbay meets Wed 7:30 pm. First Unitarian Church of Oakl, 14th & Castro, Oakl (3 blocks west of City Ctr BART Station). Info: (510) 836-4401.

ARC/AIDS Vigil: nonviolent, civil disobedience, political activist organization addresses AIDS issues thru direct contact with govt officials. Call 567-5412 for info.

AIDS/HIV Nightline: Provides nighttime emotional support for people concerned about AIDS or HIV infection. Run by SF Suicide Prevention, the Nightline is staffed by trained volunteers, Mon-Fri 9 pm-5 am, Sat & Sun 5 pm-5 am. Call 668-2437 or 1-(800) 273-2437.

AIDS Trials at NIAD/NIH: the National Institutes of Health recruits volunteers for inpatient & outpatient studies of new drugs & vaccines. For info call 1-800-243-7644. If you're accepted & enroll in a study, all travel expenses, & medical care provided at NIH, is free.

Directory: HIV Clinical Trials *in the Bay Area*, a directory published & distributed by the Community Consortium. The goal of this directory is to make it easier for people with HIV disease to enter drug trails. It provides up-to-date, easily understood descriptions of currently available trials for people with HIV & their caregivers. Also answers basic questions about clinical trials & lists trial requirements & purposes. Updated 3 times a year. Free. For more info or to get a copy, call 476-9554.

The City of Berkeley offers free, anonymous blood-testing for the HIV virus at South Berkeley Women's Community Health Center, South Berkeley Community Church, 1802 Fairview St (enter at Ellis), Berkeley. Thurs 1-3:30 pm. Drop-in. For more info call (510) 644-8571 or (510) 601-8282 on Thurs.

AIDS Emergency Fund: A volunteer-run, community-funded agency that provides emergency financial aid to low-income persons with AIDS/disabling ARC in the 9 Bay Area counties. Info: 441-6407. 1550 California St #7, SF 94109.

People with AIDS-SF: sponsors educational forums & newsletter, addresses research, public policy & other issues. Info: 553-2560.

Women's Support Group: open to any women diagnosed with AIDS. Info: Shanti Project 777-CARE.

Youth & Children's Groups: ongoing support for those diagnosed, & for children of people with AIDS, divided by age categories. Info: Shanti Project 777-CARE.

BAY (Bay Area Youth) Positives: Offers several support group for adolescents & young adults dealing with HIV. Group helps minimize the stress felt among young people who are HIV+. Free. Spons by AIDS Health Project. For mtg locations, times & other info call Julie Graham. 386-4615 or Scott Walker 206-3157.

The Brothers Network is an African-American organization providing free emotional support for HIV + gay & bisexual men. Support groups include a Tues eve drop-in, peer counseling and ongoing African-American specific groups. Info: 749-6714. FAX 749-6706.

Men of African Descent with Disabling Disease Drop-in Support Group spons by the SF AIDS Foundation: Safe, confidential place to talk about HIV issues, share experiences with other men of African descent, discuss treatment options, support service access & other topics. Fri, 1:30-3 pm, SF AIDS Foundation, 3rd floor conference room, 25 Van Ness Ave at Market, SF. Info: 864-5855 or just drop in! No group held on 11/26 & 12/31 1993.

HIV/ARC/AIDS Gay/Bi Men's Peer Support Group meets Fri 10 am-noon at Pacific Center Walnut Creek, 1250 Pine St, Ste 301, Walnut Creek. Open group, $5 donation (no one turned away for lack of funds). Info: Margaret Walker (510) 939-7711.

Rafiki Services Project provides practical & emotional support volunteer training; and services specifically geared toward African-American people with AIDS & HIV-related illnesses. For info contact Rodney Gooden 346-5860

Marin AIDS Project Emotional & practical support for persons with AIDS/HIV & their loved ones. Outreach & education. Info: 457-2487.

ARC/AIDS Drop-In Group for men with AIDS-related conditions or symptomatic HIV disease. Support, info, stress management. Thurs 6-8 pm. Operation Concern, 1853 Market St, SF. Free. No adv reg required. Info: 626-7000.

HIV+ Drop-in Group for men testing positive. Wkly mtgs, 6-8 pm, free. Operation Concern, 1853 Market St, SF. Info: 626-7000.

HIV Dual Diagnosis Program spons by Operation Concern: Provides intake, assessment, psychiatric consultation & monitoring, counseling & psychotherapy, case management & referrals, for HIV positive lesbians & gay men whose diagnoses are complicated by psychiatric disorders and/or substance abuse. Info: 626-7000.

AIDS Health Project offers prevention programs; mental health, substance abuse & antibody counseling; AIDS health professional training program & a guide to AIDS Research. Info: 1855 Folsom St, Ste 506, SF. 476-6430.

Third World People with AIDS/ARC meet in Oakl. Info: AIDS Project of the Eastbay (510) 420-8181

SF Kaiser Permanente Med Ctr offers HIV + groups (for gay men, for non-gay men & women); ARC groups (for gay men, for women & non-gay men); groups for parents whose children have AIDS; for caretakers (lovers, spouses, friends & others) of people with AIDS/ARC; & for those grieving after losing someone to AIDS. Also offers HIV forums on a variety of issues. Free, open to all Kaiser members, their families & friends.

Kaiser Oakland offers drop-in groups dealing with AIDS/HIV issues. Call Marsha Blachman, LCSW (510) 596-6305. For info on ongoing, closed support groups call Lee Horzempa, LCSW (510) 596-6344; for info on HIV Education forums call Joe De Milia 596-6848.

Kaiser Movement & Exercise: ongoing 10-session, non-intensive therapeutic movement & exercise class for people with AIDS/HIV & other immunodeficiecies, spons by CCCATF & Kaiser Permanente. Wed 3-4 pm, $10/10 wks. Stanwell Bldg, 1634 Newell Ave, Walnut Creek. Drop in OK ($2/session). Info: (510) 943-2771.

Kaiser Patients Advocacy Union (KPAU): consumer activist group assists HIV-positive Kaiser patients, family & friends who are having problems with medical care & services at Kaiser. Newsletter, mtgs, confidential hotline, & lobbying—call 621-3409.

Gazebo at Davies Medical Ctr: an educational ctr for PWAs & HIVers. Get help interpreting lab work; info on clinical trials; nutrition, breathing & body awareness; legal advise (wills, living trusts, power of attorney) & more. For info & calendar of events call 565-6369, Mon-Fri 10 am-4 pm. Castro & Duboce Sts, SF.

SF AIDS Foundation Client Services Dept provides a variety of direct services for persons with AIDS & ARC: financial benefits counseling, info & referral, advocacy, women's & people of color services, emergency housing, food bank & more. For info call 864-5855.

Face to Face/Sonoma County AIDS Network: counseling & in-home care for people with AIDS & ARC in Sonoma County. Also support groups. Info: Face to Face/Sonoma County AIDS Network, POB 1599, Guerneville, CA 95446; or call (707) 887-1581.

Valley of the Moon AIDS Project offers free, bimonthly support groups for people living with AIDS/HIV, and their friends & family. 1st & 3rd Tues of each month, 7-8:30 pm at Sonoma Vintage House, 264 First Street East, Sonoma (rooms 111 & 113) Info: David (707) 938-3765 or Sheana (707) 935-6260.

The AIDS/ARC Blood Fund for people with AIDS is available by calling the Harvey Milk Lesbian/Gay Demo Club's Blood Fund Coordinator, 863-6761.

Project Open Hand delivers hot meals & groceries to people with AIDS or disabling HIV disease in SF, Oakl & Berk. Food Bank at Church & Duboce, SF, provides groceries only. No one refused service because of inability to pay. A letter of diagnosis/referral is all that's necessary to receive service. Info: (415) 558-0600 or (510) 548-8909.

The Family Link provides housing for friends & family of people with AIDS who are visiting from outside the Bay Area. Info: 346-0770.

ARIS Project: emotional, practical wkly support groups for people w/AIDS, ARC, HIV pos., & their loved ones. Also volunteer training. Call (408) 370-3272.

Contra Costa County AIDS Program: County government program. Offers community support groups & education. 597 Center Ave, Ste 200, Martinez, CA 94553. For info or to volunteer: (510) 313-6770.

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Force: Offers emotional & practical support to people with AIDS/ARC, their families & loved ones. Support groups, outreach, education. Info: (510) 932-AIDS. 2326 Boulevard Circle, Walnut Creek, 94595-1153.

San Mateo County AIDS Project: spons by the Dept of Health Services. Info: AIDS Project Coordinator 573-2588.

AIDS Ministry of MCC-SF: provides support to persons with AIDS & other life-threatening & chronic illnesses, their family & friends. Support groups, monthly potlucks dinners, healing services, spiritually-based training for caretakers & more. Info: 863-4434. 150 Eureka St, SF.

PAWS (Pets Are Wonderful Support) provides direct services so people with AIDS/ARC can keep their pets. Also places pets in foster & permanent homes as needed. Info: 824-4040.

SHARE (Special Human & Animal Relationships) program of Marin Humane Society offers services to Marin County PWAs with pets. Info: 883-4621.

The Godfather Service Fund: provides care packages (toiletry, bathrobes, slippers & teddy bear) to people with AIDS/ARC/HIV in 12 SF hospitals. To volunteer or make contributions call 565-4433 or write 584 Castro St #225, SF 94114.

Shanti Project offers emotional, practical & residential support to people with AIDS, their friends, families & loved ones. 525 Howard St, SF. PWA Support Groups: daytime—Tues, Thurs, Fri; eves—Tues, Wed, Thurs. Friends, Family & Lovers Support Group: Wed & Thurs eves; Coping with Loss & Grief Support Group—Thurs eve. For info/location, or to volunteer as an emotional or practical support counselor (training provided) call 777-CARE.

Ellipse-Peninsula AIDS Services offers 1-1 & group emotional support for persons with AIDS & ARC, their families & significant others. Also info/referrals; case management/coordination & attendant care services. Extensive volunteer activities available. Info: 572-9702.

AIDS Interfaith Support Committee of Sonoma County: persons of any faith tradition welcome (707) 762-0107.

AIDS Interfaith Network of the Eastbay: monthly healing services. 2nd Sun, 3 pm, Lake Merritt United Methodist Church, 3755 13th St at Park, Oakl. Info: (510) 523-5011.

AIDS Interfaith of Marin: Diverse group of clergly & spiritual seekers who serve persons with AIDS, their families, friends, loved ones & caregivers. Info: Rev Dave Martin 457-1129 or write to 1000 Sir Francis Drake Blvd, #12, San Anselmo, 94960.

The Center for AIDS Services provides compassionate support services for

Kairos Support for Caregivers: resource ctr in the Castro for caregivers of those affected by the AIDS epidemic. Helps caregivers deal with emotional issues. Gives guidance in caring for one's own mind, body & spirit. Support groups, wkshops, social activities, information sharing, counseling. Info: 861-0877.

AIDS Project of the East Bay sponsors support groups throughout the Bay Area for people with AIDS/ARC. Info: (510) 834-8181.

Parents Support Group: for parents of children living with AIDS/ARC. Open to parents with children of any age, facilitated by two parents of a person with AIDS. Issues that arise for parents can be difficult to deal with alone, come talk to other parents who've been there. Oakland location. Spons by AIDS Project of the East Bay. Info: (510) 834-8181.

Parents & Family Support Group: wkly drop-in group gives support to families of origin of people with AIDS. Wed 7-9 pm at Coming Home Hospice, 115 Diamond St, SF. Spons by Visiting Nurses & Hospice of SF. Info: Gail Bigelow 861-8705.

Lovers, Friends, & Family of People with AIDS/ARC Group meets in Berkeley. Mon 6-8 pm. Info: AIDS Project of the East Bay (510) 834-8181.

Project Inform: Provides info on available treatments for HIV/AIDS (both experimental & FDA-approved), and conducts advocacy work on public policy issues affecting treatment access. Services include national toll-free hotline; fact sheets & bulletins; and more. 1965 Market St, Ste 220, SF 94103. Call (415) 558-9051 or (800) 334-7422.

Treatment Action Network (TAN): grass-roots advocacy group launched by Project Inform. TAN is a nat'l network of activists who contact elected officials, govt administrators & drug companies to lobby for critical HIV treatment & research issues. For more info & action updates, call (415) 558-9051 in SF or (800) 334-7422 in Calif, (800) 822-7422 elsewhere in the US.

SF Public Library for the Blind & Print Handicapped offers audio tapes & records to SF residents who can't read print due to physical illness or disability. Unabridged reading material & the equipment needed to play it provided free. All exchanges can be done by mail. Info: 558-5035.

Couples Group for people with AIDS & their partners. Deal with improving communication, problem-solving & other relationship issues. 6 wk groups start every other month. For info call AIDS Health Project 476-6430.

Couples Support Group spons by Shanti Project. A group for couples

The AIDS research aerobic marathon, "Workout for Hope" takes place on Mar. 27. Calendar has details.

Every Wed: "Stockton Connection" gay rap group discusses safe sex, AIDS, health issues & lifestyle management.

Home Care Wkshops: 17-hr wkshops offered by Home Care Companions, a nonprofit organization. For friends/family taking care of HIV patients in the home. Expand your knowledge of home nursing, social services, legal, medical & psychological issues. Info: 824-3269.

Men's Couples Group: focus on the stress of coping with a partners' illness or anxieties. Mon eves, 7:30-9 pm, free. Spons by AIDS Project of the Eastbay. Info: (510) 834-8181.

Lovers, Family & Friends of People with AIDS/ARC. Operation Concern's AIDS Family Project offers individual, couple & family counseling; plus support groups for the loved ones of people with AIDS/ARC. Info: 626-7000.

AIDS Legal Referral Panel: assists persons with AIDS, ARC or serious HIV infection on a wide range of legal problems, including wills & powers of attorney, housing difficulties, government benefits, employment programs & other issues. Services are free or reduced fee. Call 291-5454.

Insurance/Employee Benefits Legal Clinic for people with HIV infection. Free 45 min consultation with a lawyer to address your insurance questions or problems. Every Thurs, 6:15-8:30 pm. By appointment only, call the AIDS Legal Referral Panel: 291-5454.

Bankruptcy/Creditor Problems Legal Clinic for People with HIV Infection: Free presentation by a bankruptcy lawyer concerning how to handle creditor problems, plus free one-on-one consultation. 2nd Wed of every month, 6:30-8:30 pm, at the Gazebo, Davies Medical Center, Castro & Duboce, SF. Info/reg: AIDS Legal Referral Panel 291-5454.

Shanti Project Residences: Shanti provides low-cost, longterm housing to people with AIDS. Each of 12 residence houses are home to 3-6 people. Private bedrooms, all other living spaces shared. Resident Advocates assist with home health care, transportation, medical intervention of social services. Residents pay ¼ of their monthly income as rent. For info on renting housing or to make a donation: Shanti Residence Care rogram 777-CARE.

Peter Claver Community offers housing to persons with AIDS or ARC who are homeless or unable to secure stable housing. Info: 563-9228. Spons by Catholic Charities AIDS/ARC program.

JFCS AIDS Project: Jewish Family & Childrens' Service offers services to Jewish people with AIDS & ARC, their loved ones & families: counseling, case management, PWA/PWARC support group looking at illness in a Jewish context, emergency financial assistance, meal delivery, practical support volunteers, & support for out-of-town family members. Also speakers' bureau. Coordinator: Jody Reiss 561-1241. 1600 Scott St, SF 94115.

Emergency Health Fund spons by Catholic Charities: provides funds for PWAS/PWARC with incomes of less than $1000/month, to help in emergency situations. Info: 864-7400, ask for the AIDS/ARC Division.

GAPA Community HIV Project. Spons by the Gay Asian Pacific Alliance, this group provides emotional & pratical support, including counseling, housekeeping, shopping, hospital & home visits, running errands, and preparing special meals. For more info contact Danny Yu 575-3939.

Group for Gay Asian & Pacific Islander Men—Thurs 7:30-9 pm. Spons by Gay Asian Pacific Alliance. Info: 554-9760.

Group for HIV + Gay Asian & Pacific Islander Men: Thurs 7:30-9 pm. Spons by GAPA Community HIV Project. Call Paul 575-3933 for info.

Diablo Valley AIDS Ctr: the only drop-in center for people with AIDS in Contra Costa County. Hrs: Mon-Fri 9 am-9 pm. Info: (510) 686-DVAC or write PO Box 139, Concord CA 94522.

Napa Valley AIDS Project provides education, support groups, benefits counseling, volunteer services & more for HIV + Napa County residents. Info: (707) 258-2437.

Ayurveda Health & Education Resources SF: Nonprofit provides restorative & adjunctive approaches to healthcare to relieve the imbalances & stress related to HIV infection. Info: 255-1928.

Pacific Center, Berkeley, offers several peer-support groups for people with HIV & AIDS. Call (510) 548-8283 for info.

The Immigrant HIV Assistance Project of the Bar Association of SF provides free legal assistance for HIV positive immigrants residing in SF who need help with their immigration cases. Call 267-0795 for more info.

The Healing Circle: Support group for people dealing with HIV and/or other healing and growth issues. Men & women welcome. Meets every Thurs at 8 pm. 60 Brady St, SF. Info: David 641-4952.

Food for Thought: AIDS food program for people with AIDS & ARC in Sonoma County. Free groceries, sundries. For info, or to volunteer or donate, write PO Box 1357, Guerneville, CA 95446 or call (707) 887-1647.

Gay Rescue Mission helps people with AIDS/HIV thru transitional housing, low-income shared housing resources, grocery bags, clothing, personal care items, referrals. For info call 863-0516, 9 am-5 pm, Mon-Fri.

The Living Room (Revival Inc): a social club for people with AIDS, ARC & HIV + & for all who are concerned & care. Not a support group, not a bar, but an alternate social setting for those seeking a quality atmosphere. Wheelchair Accessible. 4035 18th St at Castro (next to Hot 'n Hunky). Call 252-1150 for hours & other info.

STOP AIDS Mtgs for gay & bisexual men. Meet 12-15 other guys for a one-time, free, informal mtg to talk about safe sex, coping with the epidemic, & what you can do to help end it. Evenings & wkend mtgs. Call Randy or Buck at STOP AIDS Project for reg/info: 621-7177.

Healing Alternatives Foundation (HAF) maintains public HIV/AIDS Treatment & Resource Library. Also Buyer's Club offers substantial savings on products aimed at improving the health of PWAs/HIV +, including vitamins, minerals, herbals and more. Payment accepted thru AIDS Emergency Fund & Catholic Charities. Volunteers receive addt'l discounts on products. Hrs: Tues-Fri, noon-6 pm, Sat noon-5 pm. 1748 Market St at Valencia, SF. Info: 626-2316.

American Indian AIDS Institute: Provides education & prevention as well as case management & practical support services for HIV + American Indians. Referrals are welcome. One-on-one mental health services available. 333 Valencia St #200, SF 94103. Call 626-7639.

In-Home Counseling Center provides counseling on a donation basis for people with AIDS/ARC/HIV. Info: 931-6151.

Federal Benefits Seminars: twice-monthly seminar spons by the Client Services Dept of SF AIDS Foundation, for federal employees with AIDS or ARC. Focus is on the benefits package available to federal employees who are currently employed, as well as those considering separation. The hour-long seminar is held 3rd Thurs of the month at 11 am & 4th Thurs at 5 pm, and is led by a rep from the Dept of Health & Human Services. At SF AIDS Fdn Client Services Office, 25 Van Ness Ave, SF, 6th floor. Info/res: call the on-duty social worker 864-5855, pre-reg by phone is required.

Services for deaf & hearing impaired people infected with HIV: Offered by the UCSF Center on Deafness (UCCD). Mental health services, interpreting services and psychosocial support. Info: 476-7600 (TTY) or 476-4980 (voice).

EACH (Early Advocacy & Care for HIV) provides info about HIV early intervention, HIV/AIDS treatments & clinical trials. One-on-one cosultations to help HIV-positive men with info, access & referrals to free medical care & other services. Spons by the Gay Men of Color Consortium for gay & bisexual men of all colors. 944 Market St, corner of Mason, SF. Ste 210. Info: 403-3800.

Tenderloin AIDS Resource Ctr: Serves the Tenderloin & South of Market communities. Info & referral, client advocacy, counseling, community education, case management, street outreach, support groups, assitance with the social service & health care system. Bilingual services available. (English/Spanish) services available. Free. Mon-Fri 9 am-5 pm. Info: 431-7476.

Lesbians with HIV: Individual psychotherapy & case management offered; groups & couples treatment available. Free. Spons by Operation Concern. For info call Miriam or Nan 252-6076.

Multi-Problem Drop-In Group for HIV positive men with substance use &/or mental health concerns at Operation Concern. Free. No reg necessary. 1853 Market St, SF. Tues 5:30-6:30 pm. Call 626-7000.

Can We Talk? Transgender Support Group meets at the Tenderloin AIDS Resource Center. Wed 1-3 pm. 187 Golden Gate Ave, SF. Info: Sheri 431-7476.

Santa Clara County HIV/AIDS Program provides medical evaluation, ongoing monitoring, treatment, benefits & nutritional counseling, case management & referrals at its Early Intervention Project. The Alternative Test Site provides free anonymous HIV antibody testing, with counseling & referral. 976 Lenzen Ave, San Jose. Info: (408) 299-4151.

SF Dept of Social Services offers the In Home Supportive Services program (557-5251) to provide assistance so that people with AIDS may remain in their homes (those with their own caretakers may receive reimbursent); other programs offered include: General Assistance (call 558-1095 to avoid waiting in lines), AFDC (Aid to Families with Dependent Children (557-5721), MediCal (863-9892 or 557-5676 if a home visit is needed) & Homeless (557-6201) programs. Adult Protective Services program (557-5230) offers aid to victims of abuse. The HIV Family Services program (557-5403) offers assistance to AFDC families affected by HIV. The Fragile Infant Care Program (557-5157) finds foster parents for infants with HIV infection or AIDS, and recruits foster parents for this program.

CURAS (Community United in Response to AIDS/SIDA) provides support to the Latino community thru education, emotional & practical support; case management, client advocacy, counseling, support groups, social activities y mucho amor. All services bilingual, confidential & free. Bimonthly newsletter, "Impacto." 347 Dolores St #113, SF. Volunteers needed. Info: 255-2732.

Nutrition & HIV: Free discussion group/class in SF. Led by a registered dietician. For info/location call (510) 547-7893.

Quan Yin Healing Arts Ctr offers affordable acupuncture & Chinese herbal therapies, plus several methods of massage, for people living with HIV. Staff includes Western medical doctor & team of experienced HIV-certified acupuncturists & massage therapists. Hrs: Tues-Fri, 1-6 pm, Sat 9 am-3 pm. 1748 Market St at Valencia, SF. Info: 861-4964.

Japanese American AIDS Project: Nihongo o hanasu nihonjin gay to lesbian no tame no AIDS ni kansuru soupan. Nihongo de dou 20 Japanese Community Youth Council, 1840 Sutter St, Ste 207, SF. Info: 563-0553.

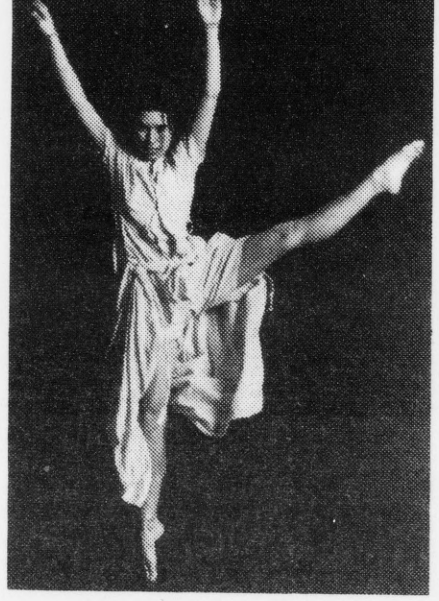
ARC/AIDS Vigil: See Political.

HIV + /AIDS Support Group in Oakland: Informal, safe space to address concerns, share info. For anyone in any stage of HIV infection. Meets Mon eves at 6 pm. Info: Gai (510) 531-2448.

HIV + Lesbian Support Group meets Mon 6-8 pm. Info: Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services 565-7683. Free. WA.

Lesbian/Bisexual Women & their HIV + Women Partners Couples Support Group meets alternating Thurs, 6-8 pm. Info: Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services 565-7683. Free. WA.

Lesbian/Bisexual Women Partners of HIV + Women Support Group meets alternating Thurs, 6-8 pm. Info: Lyon Martin Women's Health Services 565-7683. WA. Free.



Dancework by Anah-K at Footwork Dance Studio. Check Calendar for info. Photo by Roland Zemp

HIV + African American Women's Support Group spons by Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services. Call 565-7683 for details. WA. Free.

Women's AIDS Network provides info, referrals & advocacy for women affected by HIV/AIDS and women service providers. Programs/services include speaker's bureau, educational resources developoent, special events & developing strategies for focusing HIV services & education toward women. Small emergency grants available to women with HIV/AIDS. Mtg held every first Tues of the month in SF. For details call voicemail 864-4376 ext 2007.

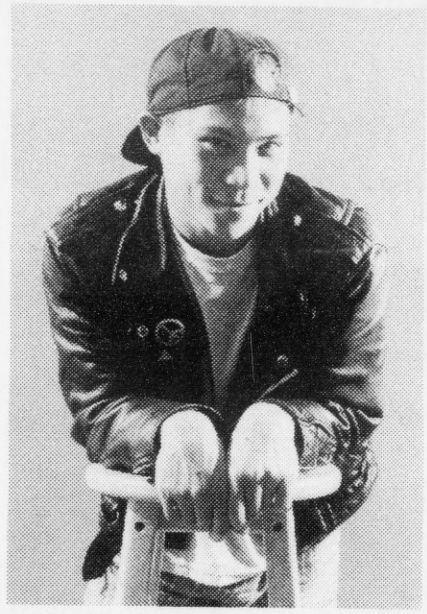
UCSF Positive Education Project conducts continuing education groups to help HIV positive gay men cope with the stress of living with HIV disease. If you T-cell count is btwn 200-500 call 597-9141.

AIDS Info BBS: Computerized info about treatments, studies, contacts, assistance & more. Periodical newsletters, newspaper articles & comments by and for PWA. 8-N-1, 24 hrs. 2400/1200 baud. Free since 7/25/85. Use modem to call (415) 626-1246.

Tai Chi Workout: Free to people with HIV. One hour of slow, therapeutic exercises based on the Chinese Tai Chi Chuan and Chi Kung forms. Relaxing, stress-reducing & invigorating. Supportive, no-push atmosphere. Meets Mon & Wed, 5:30-6:30 pm, 50 Oak St nr Van Ness & Market, SF. Info: Emilio 255-0265.

St Mary's Hospital & Med Center offers: HIV & AIDS support group for gay & bisexual men living with HIV disease; Tues 5:30-7 pm, free; led by two facilitators. Group discussion focuses on the emotional aspects of living with HIV disease and/or having AIDS. 3-month commitment required, call Korey Wong 750-4923 for interview/info. Support Groups for people who have lost a loved one to AIDS—eight-wk groups are open to everyone, call 750-5718 for info/reg.

Visual Aid: Artists for AIDS Relief provides vouchers for art supplies to pro-



Asian AIDS Project benefit Apr. 7: World premiere of "Somewhere Fudging"—a queer Asian search for Mr. Right— at Josie's Cabaret with Jesse Bie. See Calendar. Photo by Mark I. Chester

perople with AIDS/ARC/HIV & their caregivers in Alameda County. Day Center (meals, housing referrals, therapeutic massage, social activities, laundry & shower facilities, support group & van transportation); Counseling (advocacy, referrals, in-depth psychotherapy); Volunteer Services (provide assistance with cooking, cleaning, shopping, transportation,-etc); Food Bank (groceries & nutritional supplements). 5720 Shattuck Ave, Oakl 94609. (510) 655-3435.

Van Transportation Program for people with AIDS/ARC/HIV in Alameda County. Transport to & from healthcare appts. Info: The Center (510) 655-3435.

Interreligious Coalition on AIDS, a network of AIDS caregivers from the SF religious community, offers a directory of AIDS-sensitive clergy from a diverse range of religious traditions and ethnic backgrounds. Info: Bob Nelson 558-7066.

where one or more partners has AIDS. Info: 777-CARE.

Berkeley HIV + Support Group free, confidential, professionally-facilitated group meets wkly in eves. Limited membership. Low-cost individual counseling also available for PWA/ARC/HIV-positive. Info: Pacific Ctr (510) 841-6224.

HIV-positive/ AIDS Support Groups spons by Project Eden. Groups for PWAs, HIV-positive people, their lovers, friends & families. A safe place to share feelings. Mon & Wed. Info: (510) 887-0566.

San Joaquin AIDS Foundation: 4410 North Pershing Ave, Ste C-5, Stockton. PO Box 8277, Stockton, CA 95208. (209) 476-8533. 1st & 3rd Mon of each month: "Gather Round" support group for the HIV +, persons with AIDS/ARC; 6:30-8 pm at SJAF office. 2nd & 4th Tues: "Hand to Hand" support group for SJAF volunteers, 7 pm at SJAF office.

fessional artists with life-threatening illnesses. Vouchers are redeemable at participating Bay Area art & photo stores. Applicants must have a letter of diagnosis of AIDS or other life-threatening illnesses. Info: 391-9663.
The Respite Care Program of Visiting Nurses & Hospice of SF (VNH) offers up to 250 hours of respite care services so that family caregivers may have a break from caregiving responsibilities. The program is supported by CARE Act ("Ryan White") funding, and there is no charge to clients who meet the eligibility criteria. Info: 861-6959 ext 554.

► ADDICTION RECOVERY

Iris Project (division of the Women's Institute for Mental Health)-provides help for women wanting to achieve & maintain sobriety; and is one of the few agencies providing services specifically for lesbians. Groups include: early, middle & ongoing recovery; women of color; HIV + lesbians; lesbian relationships in later recovery; & an education group. Individual counseling provided. For info/intake appt call 864-2364 (for middle or later recovery groups) or drop in at orientation (Tues-Thurs at 3 pm) for early recovery group & individual counseling. 333 Valencia St, SF. Ste 222.
Women's Alcoholism Ctr provides residential, outpatient & educational services for women, children & families. 2261 Bryant St, SF. Info: 282-8900.
Smith House detox center for women. Six-bed, non-medical alcoholic detox facility designed by women for women, spons by Haight Ashbury Free Clinics. Info: 387-0244.
Acceptance Place provides residential drug & alcohol treatment for gay men. 673 San Jose, SF. Info: 695-1708.
Baker New Place provides residential drug & alcohol treatment for men & women who are HIV positive. 1375 Grove St, SF. Info: 346-6193.
18th Street Services provides outpatient individual & group counseling for gay/bi men and transgenders with alcohol and/or drug problems. Sliding scale, no one turned away for inability to pay. Multicultured staff. HIV/AIDS info & referral. 217 Church St, SF. Call 861-4898.
Secular Organizations for Sobriety (SOS), alternative support group for recovering alcoholics & addicts. SOS appeals especially to persons who may be uncomfortable with the "Higher-Power" concepts of more traditional religious or 12-Step groups. Info: SF—255-1622, EB—534-8638). No Calif—332-1418.
16 Steps to Empowerment: Group for people who feel left out or turned off by 12 Step groups. Meets Wed at 5:30 pm. For info call Christine 661-5716 or Elisabeth 928-3679.
AJIRA (Addicted Jews in Recovery Anonymous). Wkly mtgs for AA, NA & OA members at SF Jewish Community Ctr, 3200 California St, SF. For times & other info: Claire Silver 346-6040 ext 240.
Pagan Womyn's Group for Recovery. For womyn recovering from addictions, abuse & patriarchy. Earth-centered spiritual perspective. Sat 1-2:30 pm at Pacific Ctr, 2717 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: Maggie (510) 874-4987.
Lesbians in Recovery meet once a month for fun & mutual support, call 664-1295 for info/location.
Overcoming Violent Behavior Anonymous-SF: see Incest & Battery.
Men-Only Weight Watchers Group meets Wed 6:30 pm at MCC-SF.
Lesbian Overeaters Anon Mtg: every Tues, 8-9:15 pm at Metropolitan Community Church (MCC)-SF, 150 Eureka St at 18th, SF. Everyone welcome.
Free Drop-in Group for lesbians, gay men & bisexual women & men with alcohol and/or, other drug problems. Thurs eves 7-8 pm. Info, support & referral regarding substance abuse problems. Spons by Operation Recovery (part of Operation Concern.) 1853 Market, SF. Wheelchair Accessible. Info: 626-7000 V/TTY.
Quit Smoking Clinic: 8-session courses for smokers who are serious about quitting. Led by ex-smokers. $35. Limited enrollment. Spons by SF Dept of Public Health. Info/res: 554-9763.
Operation Recovery (part of Operation Concern) provides group & individual counseling for lesbians, gay men & bisexual women & men with alcohol and/or other drug problems. People with other mental health problems or taking psychiatric medication, or living with HIV, are welcome. SL fee, no one refused service for inability to pay. Info/intake appt: 626-7000 V/TTY. Wheelchair Accessible. 1853 Market St, SF.
Men's Sexual Addiction 12-Step Group (SLAA) at the Parsonage. Focus on recovery and fellowship. Wed at 8 pm. Free. 555A Castro St, SF.
Lesbian Sex & Love Addicts Anonymous Mtg (Lesbians Living in the Solution) meets Mon nights at 6:30 pm at The Meeting Place, 2187 Market St at 15th, SF. Room B. Come work on issues around sex, love, relationships & romance in a safe, anonymous 12-step environment.
Adult Children of Alcoholics Gay & Lesbian Mtg: 8 pm Wed nights in the Castro district at MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Room 104. Info: Pauline 428-1048.
Self-Mutilators Anonyous (SMA) of SF: Meets 1st & 3rd Sat of each month, 6:30-7:30 pm in the Castro. This is a closed meeting, please call (510) 538-4563 for more info. SMA is a recovery program based on the 12 Steps.
Self-Mutilators Anonymous (SMA) Sonoma County: 2nd & 4th Tues, 7:30-8:30pm in Petaluma. This is a closed meeting. Please call (707) 528-9216 for info.
For More Listings under this category, see the *SF Bay Times* classifieds section, "Open Exchange", under the **"Recovery/Addiction Therapy/Support Groups"** heading.

► BISEXUAL GROUPS

Bay Area Bisexual Network: umbrella organization for bisexual groups, resources & people. Open to everyone, whether or not they consider themselves bisexuals. Info: 564-BABN.
North American Multicultural Bisexual Network (NABN) acts as a clearinghouse for resources, AIDS info & political alerts. Focus on visibility, education, pride. For info contact NABN, 584 Castro St, #422, SF 94114 or call 775-1990.
Bisexual Women's Rap at Pacific Center: A safe place for Bi women. Drop-in group for women interested in bisexuality. ASL interpretation available by prior arrangement. Wheelchair Accessible. Wed 8-9:45 pm at Pacific Center, Berkeley. Info: (510) 548-8283.
Bisexual Women of Color Group: Social/support group for bisexual women. Lesbian women welcome. Info: 922-1021.
Bi Women's Support Group: Meet other bi women, talk & share experiences in an informal setting. Group meets twice monthly. Info/location: Valerie 641-1308.
Bisexual Men of Color Group: Support group for bisexual men of color meets last Sun at 6:30 pm. For info/location call (510) 465-9671.
Bisexual Rap Group: Drop-in group for men & women interested in bisexuality. Warm, friendly people. Meets Sun 7-8:550 pm at Pacific Ctr, 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 548-8283.
BFSF (BiFriendly-SF): social group open to bisexuals & bifriendly others. BFSF meets 7 pm Mon at Village Deli, 495 Castro St, SF for dinner & conversation with other bisexuals & friends. For confirmation, other activities/calendar: 648-6332.
Bi-Friendly UC support group followed by social. All members of the UC Berkeley/UCSF community are welcome. Info/location: Davey (510) 235-6657.
Bi-Friendly Eastbay: Call Betsy (510) 845-7441 for mtg location, time & other info.
Bi-Friendly South Bay (BFSB) bisexual social group for men, women & bifriendly others in the South Bay/Peninsula area. Meets 2nd & 4th Mon of each month at Vicolo Pizzeria, 473 University Ave in Palo Alto at 7:30 pm. For info call 856-6901.
Side by Side peer support group for bisexual men & women in Sonoma County, meets every Wed in a safe, confidential & friendly environment. 7-7:30 social, followed by mtg till 9:30, with short social time after mtg. Focus on any issues brought up by those present, especially bisexual issues. New members welcome! Info: Colin (707) 823-2990.
Bi-Friendly Sonoma County: bisexual social/support group for men, women & bifriendly others in Sonoma/North Bay. Info: Colin (707) 823-2990.
Women's Bisexual Network of Santa Cruz & Greater Monterey Bay Area: Support & discussion group welcomes any bisexual, questioning or bi-friendly woman. Mtgs 2nd & 4th Thurs of each month, 7-9 pm, followed by social at a local cafe. New participants are asked to attend the 2nd Thurs meeting. $3-5 donation requested. Quarterly network listings available, send SASE to BiNet, PO Box 934, Santa Cruz, 95061-0934. For location/info call (408) 427-4556.
Goddess-Oriented Bisexual Women's Social Group meets monthly. Info: 979-4023.
WRAMBA (Women's Radical Activist Multicultural Bisexual Alliance), feminist discussion/support/political action group for bi women meets Sun, 1-4 pm. Info: Krista 661-1497.
Co-gender Bisexual Social Group for bisexual youth, spons by YRIC. See Youth.
Bisexual Group meets every Wed eve, 7-9 pm in SF. Couples 30+ especially welcome. Info/location: 441-1866.
Be sure to check the "social groups," "support groups" and "political" sections for related groups.

► CALL FOR ENTRIES

Gay & Bisexual Male Incest Survivors are invited to submit autobiographical reflections/personal narratives in written form for an anthology on gay/bisexual male incest survivors. For info/guidelines, send SASE to: Boundaries Limited, 584 Castro St, Ste 410, SF 94114-2588. No perpetrators, please. Deadline: 4/31.
Women Incest Survivors: Seeking Bay Area incest survivors who have used art as a means to work thru incest experiences & assist in the healing process, and are interested in sharing their work in an art show or book. For info/details: Susan Reeder, 140 Amherst Ave, Menlo Park, 94025. Names of all respondents held in strictest confidence.
Gay & Lesbian Street Fair Participants & Spectators: Photographer seeks statements/narratives for submission with photographers's portfolio on SF's major gay & lesbian street events (Pride Parade, Folsom & Castro Street Fairs, and Halloween). Select one event & write a one-two-page essay on what that event means to you. If book is published & your statement used, you will receive $50 for each statement, and free copy of the book. Send statements to: Steve Cassidy Photography, 400 Duboce St, No. 318, SF 94117 or call 905-4453 for more info. Deadline: 4/12.
1993 Festival at the Lake Photo Competition: Amateur & professional photographers who live in the 9 Bay Area counties are welcome to submit photos of the places in which they live, work & play. Photos may be of people, landscapes, abstact images, interiors, etc. Photos will be exhibited at the Festival at the Lake on 6/4-6. For more info call (510) 286-0585 or send SASE to FATL, Photo Contest, 1630 Webster St, Oakl. Deadline: 4/26.
'93 Gay Pride Art Exhibit: Levi Strauss & Co Lesbian/Gay Employee Association is accepting submissions from Bay Area lesbian, gay & bisexual artists, all medias, for upcoming Pride Exhibit (6/11-27). Submit up to 5 slides, SASE with $5 entry fee payable to LGEA, with resume/statement to LGEA Art Exhibit, 1155 Battery, SF 94111. Deadline: 4/30.
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SexArt 3: Mark I Chester seeks artwork on sex, sexuality & eroticism for his annual Folsom St Fair Show. Open to all media with a special interest in black & white photography. Deadline: 7/15. For appt, leave message at 544-1136; for a prospectus, send SASE to POB 422501, SF 94142.

► FUN & GAMES

UC Botanical Gardens: University of California-Berkeley Botanical Gardens feature 33 acres of native & exotic plants in educational & naturalized displays. Open daily, 9 am-4:45 pm. Free admission, free garden tours weekends at 1 pm. Centennial Drive above the UC Berkeley campus. Info: (510) 642-3343.

Game Night! 6-10 pm every Sat night at Pacific Center, 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Drop-in, free. Play cards, scrabble, boggle, trivial pursuit, pictionary, or any game you bring. Come meet friendly folks, have some fun! Info: (510) 548-8283.

Women's Night at the Elephant Walk: Every Mon night! Piano bar 8-11 pm. Corner of 18th & Castro, SF.

► HEALTH

Quan Yin Healing Arts Ctr: Nonprofit clinic provides affordable acupuncture & Chinese herbal therapies; treatment for people living with HIV, chronic hepatitis, PMS, & other gynecological imbalances. Also offers Stop Smoking Clinic. Office hrs: Tues-Fri, 1-6:30 pm, Sat 9 am-3 pm. Info: 861-4964.

American College of Traditional Chinese Medicine: professional teaching clinic offers Chinese herbal medicine, acupuncture, tui-na (Chinese physio-massage) & Chinese nutritional counseling. SL fee. MediCal accepted. 450 Connecticut St at 20th (on Potrero Hill), SF. Info: 282-9603.

Lyon-Martin Women's Health Sensitive primary health care for women by women, with emphasis on the health care needs of lesbians. Services include:

An oral history of Keith White, in the LEGACY Collection at SF Performing Arts. See Calendar Apr. 6 for details.

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gen'l medical care, gynecology, acupuncture, lesbian parenting, AIDS counseling & safe sex info (safe sex kits for women available). WA. SL. 1748 Market St nr Valencia, SF. Ste 201. Info/appt: 565-7667.

Lesbian Clinic of the Berkeley Women's Health Collective provides personal, affordable health care by lesbian practitioners. Gen'l medicine & chiropratic care to evaluate health needs. Gynecological, gen'l medical & mental health services available. Also feminist therapy referrals. Call for appt: 843-6194. WA.

Charlotte Maxwell Complementary Clinic offers free acupuncture, herbs, homeopathy, massage & visualization to low-income women with cancer. Volunteers welcome. Info: (510) 601-7660.

Women's Cancer Resource Ctr: info, support, resource & advocacy ctr for Bay Area women with cancer, their friends, families & practitioners. Provides individual peer counseling & drop-in support groups, newsletter, educational programs, legal wkshops & more. For information on groups & programs offered call 548-9272 or 548-WCRC. 3023 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley.

Environmental Health Network provides fre support, info, referrals & advocacy for people with multiple chemical sensitivities. Mtgs held 1st Thurs of each month. Info: 541-5075.

Gay Men's STD/VD Clinic: testing & treatment by & for gay men, free, every Sun 5:30-7 pm. HIV Antibody anonymous testing for women & men 12 or older, every Sun, 6-7 pm. 2339 Durant Ave at Dana, Berkeley. Wheelchair Accessible. Info: 644-0425 (non-voice TDD 548-8238 for disabled).

Berkeley Free Clinic offers free gen'l health, dental, counseling & information services, plus referrals. Also has women's health clinic by & for women. 2339 Durant Ave at Dana, Berkeley. Wheelchair Accessible. Info: 548-2570 (non-voice TDD 548-8238).

Planetree Health Resource Ctr: nonprofit ctr provides a place to go when you need more info about health or medical concerns. Get up-to-date medical info to assist you in making informed choices about your health. Ctr maintains extensive consumer health library, current medical lit clippings & health bookstore. Also support groups, health information service by mail, and more. 2040 Webster St, SF. Info: 923-3680.

Native American Health Ctr: 56 Julian Ave, SF; 3123 East 14th St, Oakland. Offers a range of physical and mental health care services to the community. SF Info: Administration, 621-8054; Dental, 621-8056; Medical/Perinatal, 621-8051; WIC, 621-7574. Eastbay Info: Administration, 261-0524; Dental 436-0455; Medical/Perinatal, 261-1962; WIC, 436-6837; Family & Child Guidance Clinic, 532-2933; Youth Empowerment, 261-8943.

Ayurveda Health & Education Resources of SF. Nonprofit center offers restorative & adjuctive approaches to health care by reducing imbalances caused by stress, environment or disease. Info: 255-1928.

of **The Healing Circle**. Begun as an HIV support group, the group has evolved into a space of healing & growth for all men & women. Meets every Thurs at 50 Brady St, SF. 8 pm. Info: David 241-9480.

Haight Ashbury Free Clinic Acupuncture Clinic provides acupuncture & Chinese herbal medicine as primary medical care, and for substance abuse recovery & detox. 60 Brady St, SF. Hrs: Mon-Thurs, 9 am-noon. Info: 863-1677.

Rainbow Clinic at UCSF provides pediatric care for children of gay & lesbian parents in a sensitive, caring environment. For info/appt call 476-4883.

► HOBBIES

Hortiphiles: a group for lesbians & gay men who enjoy growing plants. For info write PO Box 31, Palo Alto, 94301 or call 851-1022.

Phoebe Snow Society: int'l organization of gay rail fans. Gay men interested in trains, railroading & travel are welcome to join. Info: (510) 352-0301.

Gay Men's Sketch: informal drawing group for gay men. Provides classical nude modeling by gay male model. Open to all skill levels. 2 min gestures to 40-min drawing. Info/schedule: Mark 621-6294.

Lesbian Life-Drawing Group: Multicultural group meets every 2nd Sun of the month. Models provided. $7 fee. Info/location: 252-8514.

Men's Figure Drawing Salon: Informal, free & nude. Wed 7-9 pm. Info: 626-8349.

Women's Sing-A-Long: monthly mtg. Sat night. Informal, fun, easy. Bring guitar, voice, friends. All women welcome. Info/directions: Birch 841-6032.

The SF Gay Men's Chorus kicks off its 15th season at Davies Symphony Hall on Mar. 27.

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Sacred Circle Dance: Dance ancient & contemporary dances from all over the world. Emphasis on building community & honoring ourselves. All dances taught. Beginners welcome! Fri 8-10 pm, 1819 10th St, Berkeley. 4th Fri potlucks held in El Cerrito. Info: Laura or Howard (415) 359-0207.

Gay & Lesbian Int'l Folk Dance group meets every Tues in SF's Castro District. Line dances, no partners needed. Beginners welcome! 7:30-8 pm teaching, 8-9:30 pm dancing. Info/location: Jim 585-9784.

Women Country Western Dancers: Meet other 2-steppers in a friendly atmosphere. Social dancing, with free lessons. Every Thurs starting at 7 pm, and Sun 4-9:30 pm, in Walnut Creek. Info: (510) 524-7648.

Western Star Dancers offer country western & line dancing first Fri of each month. 7-9:30 pm at Eureka Valley Rec Ctr, Collingwood & 18th St, SF. Soft-soled shoes only. Call 621-0862.

Dark Shadows Society: Monthly social gathering for fans & friends. Potluck, videos, fun. 8 pm. Call Neil 255-7672 for info/location.

Bondage Buddies Group: Bi-weekly parties of play & socializing for gay men into bondage, harddicks & fun s/m. Open to top/bottom and experienced/novices. Info: 292-3228.

Gay Ham Group: Lambda Radio Amateur Club meets 8 pm, 2nd Thurs of each month. Amateur Radio operators & those interested in learning about the hobby are welcome to call 863-1196 or write Lambda Amateur Radio Club, PO Box 14073, SF CA 94114.

G/LOV (Gay & Lesbian Videomakers) spons open screenings & mtgs for people involved in all aspects of the medium. Write G/LOV, Box 14051, SF 94114.

Like to read? Talk about books? Come to an informal monthly potluck brunch & reading discussion group for women. For info/location: Nancy 221-5623.

Bay Area Booklovers: Group for gays & lesbians who take fiction seriously. Meets every 2nd & 4th Sun of the month. Info: Jay 771-3198.

SF Single Lesbian Dogophiles meet 1st & 3rd Sun of each month for friendly, easy dog walks at Ft Funston. Bring your dog, borrow a dog or just come to meet other single dog lovers. Rain cancels. Info: Mary Lee 282-4278 or Elaine 648-2299.

Lavendar Winds Kite Club: Group for gay/lesbian kitefliers, and those with an interest in kites. Lavendar Winds Kite Club is a chapter of the American Kitefliers Association. For more info write Brian, PO Box 5118, #464, Fremont 94537 or call (510) 797-6997.

► HOTLINES AND REFERRALS

SF Sex Information: Switchboard. Mon-Fri, 3-9 pm, Sun 2-8 pm. Info and referrals on all aspects of sexuality, for all ages & life-styles. 621-7300.

SF Gender Information: Nonprofit service provides referrals & networking to transsexual & other members of the gender community in the SF/Bay Area & northern Calif. For listings ($3 fee) & other inquiries send SASE to: SFGI, PO Box 423602, SF CA 94142.

Battered Lesbian 24-hr hot-line, individual counseling, support grps & legal advocacy clinics. Info: Liz at WOMAN Inc. 864-4722.

San Mateo Battered Women's Services offers a 24-hr hotline, individual counseling, support groups, legal assistance & shelter. Call 342-0850.

Battered Women's Alternatives: Eastbay resource for lesbians experiencing emotional or physical abuse. Call (510) 676-2845.

Call CUAV (Community United Against Violence) to report harassment, hate violence, intimidation by neighbors or workmates. Counseling, advocacy, info & referrals offered. 24-hr hotline: 333-4357.

Gay Domestic Violence: info, peer counseling for gay & bisexual men who batter. Referrals for victims of battering. Spons by MOVE (Men Overcoming Violence). Info: 626-MOVE.

Bay Area Lesbian/Gay Switchboard trained volunteers at Pacfic Ctr listen to your concerns. Also Bay Area & nationwide info—from sports, entertainment, rap groups, counseling, AIDS info. Services provided for the hearing impaired. Call (510) 841-6224.

Rape Crisis Center of Contra Costa & Marin: 24-hr crisis line for sexual assault & abuse survivors. Call (510) 236-7273, (510) 798-7273, (510) 439-7273 or (415) 924-2100.

SF AIDS Foundation Hotline: (Spanish/English) info & referral to SF & No Calif (800) FOR-AIDS, TDD 864-6606. Tagalog AIDS Hotline: 1-(800) FIL-AIDS (voice/TDD). Hrs: 9 am-9 pm Mon-Fri, 11 am-5 pm Sat & Sun.

AIDS Legal Referral Panel: see AIDS Resources for details. Info: 291-5454.

Poison Control Central: 24 hr service. Over-the-phone help w/ poison emergencies. Call 476-6600.

SF Drug Line: support, info, referrals on drug problems/treatment. Call 752-3400.

Discriminated Against because of your sexual orientation? Contact SF Human Rights Commission, Lesbian/Gay Liaison Unit. There are local laws to protect you. Info: 252-2500.

Renters: Learn Your Rights! Old St. Mary's Housing Committee offers counseling & special clinics on various housing issues, including evictions, leases, etc. For info/appt: 398-0724.

SF Tenants Union: provides free walk-in or telephone counseling for members, walk-in only counseling for non-members. Call 282-6622 for info. 558 Capp St, SF.

Sentinel Fair Housing: nonprofit agency investigates complaints of housing discrimination & provides comprehensive housing counseling to residents of Northern Alameda County (also referrals for out-of-area persons). If you think you have been discriminated against, call (510) 836-2687 for help/info/referral.

ECHO Housing, a nonprofit housing agency in Alameda County, offers services to Alameda County residents including deposit & delinquent rent guarantees. (In northern Alameda County call the Rental Assistance Program (RAP) at (510) 836-4826, in southern Alameda County call RAP at (510) 581-9380). Echo also offers a county-wide homeseeking program, call (510) 581-9380 for details.

Senior Information Line: events & services available to seniors in SF, spons by SF Commission on Aging. Newsline: 552-6016. Anyone wishing to add an event should call 626-1033.

Eldercare Locator: Provides access to an extensive netowrk of organization sreving older people at state & local community levels. Call (800) 677-1116. Spons by the Nat'l Assoc of Area Agencies on Aging.

Neighbors Driving You Crazy? Community Boards can help—CB is a free, fast & effective dispute resolution service for SF residents with problems: renter/owner disputes, noise, pets, money disputes, family or housemate problems, etc. Call 239-6100 & get relief.

GLADRS (Gay & Lesbian Alternative Dispute Resolution Service) offers free, confidential panel mediation services. Get help developing a mutually-created & agreed upon solution to interpersonal, tenant/landlord, inter-and intra-group/agency and other disputes from trained lesbian, gay & bisexual mediators. Call 552-4135. 3543 18th St, Box 28, SF 94110.

Bay Area Bisexual Speakers Bureau: addresses all topics related to bisexuals. Speakers available. Call 564-2226.

SF Women Against Rape provides individual & group counseling for rape survivors; also does advocacy & educational work. Info: 647-RAPE. 3543 18th St, SF 94110.

Feminist Therapy Referral Project has provided psychotherapy referrals to Eastbay women therapists since 1971. SL fees & insurance are available, for info/appt, call (510) 843-2949.

California Youth Crisis Line provides the following services to young people who have run away from home, & to their parents: crisis intervention counseling, referrals to resource agencies & a neutral message center. For help call 800-843-5200.

Diamond Street Youth Shelter provides shelter to homeless kids in SF (see Youth). 536 Central Ave btwn Hayes & Grove. Bus lines: 21 Hayes or 5 Fulton. Free. Info: 567-1020.

Calif Lawyers for the Arts (CLA): nonprofit offers legal info & education to artists. Info: 775-7200.

The Calif Network of Self-Help Centers, spons by the Calif Dept of Mental Health, offers referrals to more than 3,500 free or low-cost support groups statewide (Alcoholics Anonymous, Codependents Anonymous, Gamblers Anonymous, etc). For info call 1-(800) 222-LINK.

Breaking Walls, Building Bridges: Diablo Valley Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) BBS outreach service available. Forums, news, views, confidential mail. (510) 827-0804, 3/12/2400, 24 hrs. Sysop Deacon DVMCC.

AIDS/HIV Nightline: Emotional support, gen'l info: 9 pm-5 am weekdays, 5 pm-5 am wkends. Call 668-2437 (English), 752-4866 (Spanish).

SF Suicide Prevention Crisis Line: 24 hrs, every day: 221-1423.

SF Youth Line: 752-2000

SF Drug Line: 752-3400.

Dial—A-Dyke: Free telephone bulletin board for women. Call (415) 241-1564 24 hrs a day.

La Raza Lawyer Referral Service (LRLS): Get consultation with an attorney experienced in the area of law you need. Info: 641-1069.

► INCEST AND BATTERY

Support Group for Adult Men Who Were Raped/Sexually Assaulted as Teenagers or Adults. Free, 10-wk facilitated groups offered by SF Rape Treatment Center. A safe, non-judgemental place to explore the effects of the abuse & continue the healing process. Led by Susan Wachob, LCSW, extensively-experienced facilitator of groups for male & female survivors of sexual abuse. Individual counseling also available. Info: 821-3222.

Survivors of Incest, Anonymous: 12-step, self-help group meets Tues 6:00-7:45 pm at the Pacific Center, 2712 Telegraph at Derby, Berkeley.

Ritual Abuse Survivors (RAS) Group: Group for women & men. Open discussion of all aspects of RA experience. Sat at 1 pm, MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Info: Jennie 648-0347.

Sexual Assault & Abuse Survivors offered individual therapy, support groups, legal advocacy & crisis line thru Rape Crisis Center of Contra Costa and Marin. Info: (510) 236-7273, (510) 798-7273, (510) 439-7273 or (415) 924-2100.

Partners of Survivors of Incest Anonymous: Support group for partners of incest survivors, ritual abuse survivors, and multiple personalities. Tues, 8-9:30 pm, free. Mandana House, 541 Mandana, Oakl. Info: (510) 839-8844.

Support Group for Lesbian Partners & Close Friends of Childhood Sexual Abuse Survivors: Provides space for personal issues, while recognizing the overall societal context of oppression. Not a 12-Step group. Non-facilitated, group members determine group focus. Info: Suzanne 826-1113.

Gay & Bisexual Men Who Batter: Are you feeling ashamed, afraid or angry about having been violent with the man you love the most? MOVE (Men Overcoming Violence) provides assistance & support for change in a safe, confidential place. Info: 626-MOVE.

Overcoming Violent Behavior Anonymous-SF: 12-step fellowship for batterers, based on the principles of AA. Women-only mtg. Thurs 6:30-7:30 pm, Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) of SF, 150 Eureka St, SF.

Support Group for Men who have been physically and/or emotionally abused in relationships. Led by licensed clinical psychologist, spons by Gay Men's Domestic Violence Project. For info/reg: CUAV 864-3112. Confidentiality guaranteed.

Support Group for Lesbians who are or have been in a battering relationship; SL. Info: Women Inc.: 864-4722.

Battered Women's Alternatives: An Eastbay resource offering services for lesbians experiencing emotional or physical abuse. Support group, shelter, counseling, legal advocacy. Info: (510) 676-2845.

Formerly Battered Women: Support group for women who have experienced domestic violence, and are now living independently. No fee, childcare available. Call Nancy at 863-3315 or 255-2754.

Battered Lesbian Outreach: offered by Sonoma County YWCA Women's Emergency Shelter Program. Info: (707) 546-1234. Call—you are not the only one.

Battered Lesbian 24-hr hot-line, individual counseling, support grps & legal advocacy clinics. Info: WOMAN Inc. 864-4722.

La Casa de las Madres provides shelter for battered women & their children. Info: 777-1808.

Rosalie House's offers Women's Jobs Program offers vocational services to battered women & formerly battered women. Counseling, referrals, resume writing & job placement. Free. Call Alma 863-2160 for info.

For more listings under this category, see the *SF Bay Times* classifieds section, "Open Exchange", under **"Incest/Battery Therapy/Support Groups".**

► PARENTING & FAMILY RESOURCES

Pursuing Fertility: Support group for women who have made 10 or more insemination attempts. Group explores the emotions & complications associated with trying to get pregnant. Info: Marsha (510) 835-8919.

Prospective Queer Parents Group for lesbians & gay men seeking co-parenting or known donor situations. Call Leland (510) 841-4663 for more information.

Black Female Couples With Children Group meets for support, socializing & fun. Eastbay & SF locations. Single moms are welcome! Info: Erika or Elisha (510) 293-0711.

Lesbian Moms of Young Children/Babies: Interested in networking in the Eastbay. Come to potluck/brunch—call 540-7171 for details.

Lesbians with Babies Group meets in SF. For info/location: Paula 206-1170.

Lesbian, Gay & Bisexual Single Parents: Meet to schmoooz, give mutual support. Info: Michele 826-9215.

Southbay Gay Parents: an organization for gay fathers & lesbian mothers. Meets 3rd Sun of each month in the San Jose area for mutual support & for exploring parenting issues. For information call (408) 293-4525 for more info.

Ever Given Up A Child for Adoption? Ongoing support group for birthmothers; offers support for healing our

losses, help in searching for our children. Info: 626-8124.

Adoption Support Groups for adult adoptees, birth parents & adoptive parents. Info: Post-Adoption Ctr for Education & Research (510) 935-6622.

Chain of Life: feminist adoption reform newsletter, supports open records & search & reunification of adoptees & birth families; critiques traditional adoption practices. Edited by adoptee. For backlist/info send SASE to Chain of Life, PO Box 8081, Berkeley, CA 94707.

NOCIRC (Nat'l Organization of Circumcision Information Resource Ctrs) offers education, information & support about circumcision. Learn why circumcision is physically & emotionally damaging to children. Info: 488-9883.

GLADRS (Gay & Lesbian Alternative Dispute Resolution Service) offers free, confidential panel mediation services. Get help finding a mutually created and agreed upon solution to custody, property & other family disputes from trained lesbian, gay & bisexual mediators. Info: 552-4135. 3543 18th St, SF, Box 28, SF 94110.

Lesbian & Gay Parenting Program offered by Lyon Martin Clinic. Offers ongoing seminars, wkshops, small groups & forums for lesbians & gays thinking about parenting, and for lesbian & gay families; including 8-wk "Lesbians Considering Parenthood," and "Gay Men Considering Parenthood," Call Lyon-Martin 565-7674 for info.

The Rainbow Clinic at UCSF provides pediatric care for children of gay & lesbian parents, see Health.

Support Group for Non-Biological, non-legal, "other" mothers whose parental rights are not being honored by the biological mother; or who feel in danger of not being allowed to see their children. Eastbay location. Call Suzanne (510) 644-0311.

Be sure to check the *SF Bay Times* classifieds section, "Open Exchange", under "Parenting" and the Parents & Kidsbox for other parenting services/info.

► PEOPLE OF COLOR

Black & White Men Together Rap/Socials: every Sat at 1350 Waller St nr Masonic, SF. Rap 6:30-9 pm. For info/mtg topic: 826-BWMT. Peter Eggenberger, facilitator; Calvin Lowery, greeter.

Bisexual People of Color Caucus: resource, support, political action, social group. Info: Lani 821-3534.

Lesbians of Color/Third World Lesbian Support Group meets Thursdays, 6:30-8pm; $3 donation (no one turned away for lack of funds); Pacific Ctr, Telegraph & Derby, Berk. Info: Camille Barber; (510) 548-8283.

Bisexual Women of Color Group—See Bisexual Groups.

Bisexual Men of Color Group—See Bisexual Groups.

Zebra Brigade: Social group for Black and white lesbian couples. SF location. Info: Anita or Lorrie 641-5980 or Naomi 821-9972.

African American lesbians 40+: monthly mtg for social activities, potluck, card & board games, theater outings & sports events. Info: Brenda (510) 465-2573.

Ache: Nonprofit community organization for lesbians of African American descent. Produces monthly & annual events; provides community outreach, education & networking; publishes a bimonthly magazine of articles, conference reports, poetry & community events for and about lesbians of African American descent. For more info call 849-2819 or write: Ache, PO Box 6071, Albany, CA 94706.

Black Female Couples With Children Support Group. See Parenting.

Asian Lesbian Potluck Brunch Group meets every 4th Sun, 10 am-noon, free. A support group for Asian lesbians 35 yrs & over. Info: (510) 482-0787 or (415) 255-7560.

Third World People with AIDS/ARC group spons by AIDS Project of the Eastbay. See AIDS Resources.

Asian/Pacific HIV-Positive Gay Men's support group offered by GAPA (Gay Asian Pacific Alliance), see AIDS Resources.

AIDS/HIV Info Group for Asian & Pacific Islander Men. Drop-in, free. See AIDS Resources for details. Spons by GAPA.

Gay Asian Rap Group in SF, spons by Gay Asian Pacific Alliance. Meets every other Wed, 7-9 pm. Info: 282-GAPA.

CASA: Community Alternative Social Assoc. A multiracial social & community service organization for gay latinos & friends. Mtgs held every 2nd Sat of each month at Dolores Street Community Center, 208 Delores St, SF. 5-7 pm. All are welcome! Call 552-6433 for more info.

CURAS (Community United in Response to AIDS/SIDA) provides services to the Latino community, see AIDS Resources.

GELAAM: Gente Latina de Ambiente. A Latino/Latina lesbian, gay & bisexual organization that promotes the improvement of our community at a political, cultural, social & educational level. Gen'l mtgs every 4th Sat of every month. Newsletter & various activities. For more info write to GELAAM, 2261 Market St, PO Box 300, SF 94114 or call 267-4892.

AGUILAS (Asamblea Gay Unida Impactando Latinos/as Superase). Group committed to advocating & developing activities in our community which encourage positive self identities, healthy relationships & leadership skills. Mtgs/potlucks held 1st Sat of each month. Call Juan 648-3702 for info/location.

Asian Pacifica Sisters (APS): an organization by and for Asian and/or Pacific Islander women who are lesbians or bisexuals. APS seeks each woman's own unique experience, whether of Pacific Islander, East Asian, Southeast Asian, South Asian, or mixed heritage. American-born or immigrant, multilingual or monolingual, physically challenged or able, all are welcome! Call Anna 334-5040 for more information.

Asian Pacifica Lesbian Network (APLN): Nat'l network for lesbians & bisexual women of Asian/Pacific Islander descent. Monthly mtgs in SF or Oakland. For times, dates & other info call (415) 928-8885 or (510) 482-0787.

Asian & Pacific Islander Gay/Bi Men's Support Group: meets Tues 6:30-8 pm at Pacific Ctr. Gay Asian men of all ages are welcome. Info/res: (510) 841-6224. 2712 Telegraph Ave at Derby, Berkeley.

Vietnamese Gay Men's Group: Share feelings, exchange information, give support. Monthly newsletter in English & Vietnamese. All Asians welcome. For details contact Brian Dang, 2200 Market St #95, SF 94114.

Japanese American Gay Social (JAGS): Non-political, informal social group for persons of Japanese ancestry. Info: 584-7224.

Black Gay & Bisexual Men's Support Group: Drop-in. Pacific Center, 2712 Telegraph, Berkeley. Wed 8-9:50 pm. Info: (510) 548-8283.

Gay/Asian Pacific Alliance (GAPA): group by & for gay men of Asian & Pacific Islander heritages. GAPA seeks to create a positive & visible presence for gay Asian/Pacifics in the SF Bay Area. Gen'l mtgs: every 2nd Sun of the month at MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. 6-8 pm. Also bimonthly newsletter "Lavender Godzilla", write to PO Box 421884, SF CA 94142-1884 to subscribe. Info: GAPA Hotline 282-GAPA.

Support Group for Asian/Pacific Islander gay, lesbian & bisexual young people, 21 & under, spons by Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services' LYFE (Lambda Youth & Family Empowerment) program. Call Donna 565-7681 for info.

Pacific Friends-SF: Non-political organization whose sole purpose is to promote greater cross-cultural understanding & friendship between Asian/Pacific Islanders and other cultures, thru cultural, educational & social activities. Info: Robert 227-0946 or Elliot 564-7199.

Arab Lesbian, Gay & Bisexual Network: Social group for Arab-identified lesbian, gay & bisexual people. For info write ALGBN, PO Box 460526, SF 94114 for call (510) 428-0179.

African-American Men dealing with AIDS/ARC/HIV Support Group at SF AIDS Fdn, see AIDS Resources.

The Brothers Network provides emotional support to African American gay and bisexual men who are HIV+. Services include support groups, peer counseling. See AIDS Resources.

African-American Women with Cancer: Support group meets every other Mon 6:30-8 pm at the Women's Cancer Resource Ctr, 3023 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 548-WCRC or (510) 548-9272 for more information.

Lesbians of Color sobriety support group at Iris Project, see Addiction Recovery.

Motorcycle Club for Black gay women. Info: 1081 Alameda #117, Belmont CA 94002.

Artists of Color Open Mike Night at Ohama Cultural Ctr: Every 2nd & 4th Thurs of the month. 7 pm, $5. 4345 Telegraph Ave, Oaki. Info: (510) 658-1868.

Arab Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual Network: Social group for Arab-identified lesbian, gay & bisexual people. For details write: ALGBN, PO Box 460526, SF 94114. Call (510) 428-0179 for info/location of next meeting.

Free Mental Health Services for Native Americans, see Therapy Groups for details.

Young Women of Color Group spons by LYRIC. See Youth.

► PERFORMANCE & WRITING GROUPS

Mothertongue Feminist Theater Collective welcomes any woman with ideas to share & stories to tell—writing & performing experience not necessary. Info: (510) 848-5966.

Jon Sims Ctr for the Performing Arts: "multidiscipinary force for artistic freedom, cultural democracy, and community outreach". Presents music, dance & musical theatre performances, and educational programs. 1519 Mission St, SF. New members are always welcome. JSC is especially interested in making programs accessible to ethnic minorities and people of color. Call 621-5619 for mtg times & other info.

VOICES: Bay Area lesbian choral ensemble covers the musical map, performing everything from madrigals and contemporary music to blues & jazz. For more info or to be on mailing list call 773-9181.

Lesbian/Gay Chorus of SF invites you to join in making music & having fun. Ability to read music a plus, but not necessary. Rehearsal times & other info: 861-7067.

Rainbow Singers: Spiritually-centered vocal ensemble of gay/queer men; performs chants, rounds, improvisations for healing, empowering & celebrating. Mostly a capella, but drums, instruments welcome. Experience & music-reading preferred. Call Kristopher 621-4099 for details.

The Society of Gay & Lesbian Composers encourages the composition of music that conveys the attitudes, ideals & uniqueness of gay & lesbian cultures. Group sponsors 3 annual concerts, plus monthly business & social mtgs (usually in SF) where composers can meet & share their music & ideas. For info/location of next mtg call 333-2755. For brochure/membership application or other info write PO Box 14521, SF CA 94114.

Lesbian Chamber Musicians Group for lesbians interested in exploring chamber music by women of the past & music by women living today; preparing house concerts of women's music; and holding informal evenings for reading traditional chamber music. Info: Anne 661-3886.

Bay Area Gay & Lesbian Ensemble meets wkly in the Eastbay. Group committed to creativity & fun! Rehearsals on Thurs eves or Sun afternoon, instrumentalists of all types & abilities are encouraged. Info: 1-(800) 999-6795.

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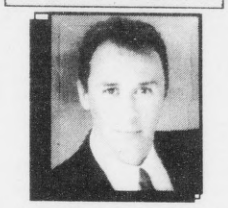

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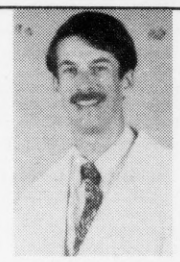

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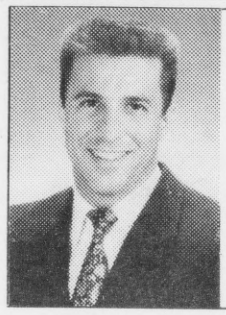

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GAWK (Gay Artists & Writers Kollective). Join rock musicians, singers, writers, cartoonists, comedians & others for eclectic, upbeat, fun socializing. Info: Jon Sugar 731-2424 or write (with SASE) 901 Stanyan St #14, SF 94117.

Fat Lip Readers Theatre: political theatre collective of fat, fiesty & diverse women who strut their stuff on stage & video, and in wkshops. Submissions of poetry, prose, stories & analysis with a fat liberation perspective are welcome & respected. Info: PO Box 29963, Oakl 94604; (510) 655-7404.

Novel Writing Group for women who are in the process of writing a novel. Meets in SF twice per month. Info/location: Eliza 759-5898.

Lesbian Womanist/Feminist Writer's Group welcomes committed writers of all genres, and racial & cultural diversity. Weekly mtgs in the Eastbay. Call Suzanne (510) 644-0311 or Marion (510) 208-3241 for details.

Visual Artists Critique Group: Ongoing group mtgs provide consistent & informed feedback to visual artists. All levels of skill, technique & creativity are welcome; politically insprired or socially conscious work is encouraged, but not essential. Info: Claude 821-7931.

Mark I Chester's SEXART Salon: Salon & parties focused on sexuality & creativity. Participants share artwork (your own or someone else's) such as reading, performance & static art that explores sex, sexuality & eroticism. New performers welcome, regardless of experience. Events are open to men & women of all sexualities. Info: 544-1136 (leave message).

Sistah Boom, a mostly lesbian of color percussion band playing Afro-Brazilian/Caribbean rhythms at Gay Pride, pro-choice & anti-war events, seeks women of color, lesbian-feminist identified, musically-inclined & committed to unlearning racism work, to jam with one of the hottest percussion ensembles around. Info: Kay (510) 654-3360 or Adalia (510) 601-6844 (6-8 pm).

Bay Area Raw Rahs: Collegiate-style cheerleading/precision dance group open to men & women who are interested in mastering and performing dance routines, human pyramids, partner lifts & gymnastic stunts. Practices held Tues, 6-8 pm at Jon Sims Center, Mission St, SF. Info: Steve (510) 228-7497 or Michael (415) 863-0533.

SF Fringe Riders: Bay Area's only women's country western performance dance troupe welcomes new members. Info: Wendy (510) 525-5912. For mailing list inclusion call Diane (510) 532-0281.

LIPS: (Lesbian Installation Projects). Work on projects with others lesbians artists in a studio space. Ongoing workshops in different media. Info: Pamela (510) 222-4552.

► POLITICAL

Queer Nation: A working activist group which utilizes direct action to oppose & eliminate heterosexism & homophobia. For meeting times, location & info call the Queer Line, 985-7141.

Transgender Nation: A focus group within Queer Nation fighting specifically for transgender rights, within the general struggle for queer rights. Group meets Wed at 7:30 pm at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF.

Queer Scouts is devoted to exposing & eliminating the homophobia, racism, sexism & religious tyranny of the Boy Scouts of America. Info: 985-7141.

Queer Planet: An int'l human rights organization whose purpose is to defend the human & civil rights of sexual minorities & eliminate discrimination against lesbians, gays, bisexuals & transsexuals. Mtgs 2nd & 4th Tues of each month, 7:30-9 pm at New College, 50 Fell St, btwn Van Ness Ave & Polk, SF.

Queers for Cuba works to build solidarity btwn Cuba's struggle to survive as a sovereign socialist nation & our struggles for social justice here. For info call 995-4678 or write 3543 18th St, Box 33, SF 94100.

ACT UP East Bay currently works on insurance discrimination & housing issues. Meets monthly, call (510) 836-4401 for time & place, or write PO Box 8074, Oakl CA 94608.

ACT UP/Golden Gate holds general meetings on Tues 7 pm at 590 Castro St, Ste B, SF (2nd level, call ahead if you need special assistance. Info: 241-8800, FAX 252-9277. Mailing address: 519 Castro St, MS-93, SF 94114.

Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD) works for fair & diverse coverage of lesbians, gays & bisexuals, and fights stereotypical portrayals in the print & electronic media. To report a defamation, call the hotlines: SF (415) 861-4588, EB (510) 273-9146, (SB) (408) 235-0229. Fax (415) 861-4893 or send photocopies or tapes to GLAAD, 514 Castro St, Ste B, SF 94114.

GLAAD East Bay meets 4th Sun of every month, 7 pm, at Pacific Center, 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley.

GLAAD South Bay meets 4th Sun of every month at 7 pm, at the Billy DeFrank Center, 175 Stockton Ave, San Jose.

BiPol: bisexual, lesbian & gay political action group of the SF Bay Area. Info: write BiPol, 584 Castro St #422, SF 94114 or call 775-1990.

Lesbian Uprising! A feminist political, educational & cultural group of Bay Area lesbians who envision a return to the radical ideals of the women's liberation movement; who recognize the deep connection between the personal & the political, and seek means to embody those connections in concrete ways. Group defends & empowers women by being visible, participating in street demos, etc. Group also meets twice monthly to discuss exciting feminist literature & theory. Interested? Call Gail 441-6238 or write PO Box 423555, SF CA 94142 for free copy of monthly newsletter/calendar.

Veterans CARE (Veterans Council for American Rights & Equality) protests discrimination against lesbians & gays in the military, seeks to allow homosexuals to serve openly in the armed forces. For membership & other info write to Veterans CARE, PO Box 855, Nice, CA 95464-0855 or call Jack (707) 274-1303.

Gays in the Military: Help lift the ban! Call the Bay Area Military Freedom Project 306-0477.

NGLTF (Nat'l Gay & Lesbian Task Force): Local unit of nat'l lesbian/gay rights organization meets 2nd & 4th Wed of each month at 6:30 pm. Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. Info: (510) 653-2571.

Lavender Greens: Independent gay/lesbian/bi/trans Green group creating ecofeminist community thru mtgs/salons. Meets 3rd Sun every month. Info: Anita (510) 465-4445 or Jim (415) 252-9169.

Stonewall Gay Democratic Club: A demo club for women & men which focuses on Democratic pollitics as well as AIDS, breast cancer & gay freedom issues. Meets 1st Tues of each month at 7:30 pm at MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Mtgs are often panel discussions of current topics of interest to the lesbian, gay & bisexual communities, interspersed with political endorsement meetings. Visitors welcome! Info: Steve Kline, 824-2671 or 255-8673.

Lavender SIG (Special Interest Group): A nat'l political & support network for fat lesbians, bisexuals & gays, and their allies. Part of NAAFA (Nat'l Assoc to Advance Fat Acceptance), a human rights organization. For info send SASE to Lavender SIG, PO Box 210074, SF 94121-0074.

1993 March on Washington Northern California (North Bay) Committee meets every two weeks to coordinate media, outreach, fundraising & other work. All-volunteer staff. Call David Bartlett 626-8016 for more info or to get involved. You're needed!

Men Against Circumcision: Nat'l organization for support & activism. Runs Harm Documentation Project and Action Alert Network. For more info write NOHARMM, PO Box 460795, SF 94146 or call Tim 826-9351.

► PROFESSIONAL GROUPS

Golden Gate Business Association (GGBA): comprised of gay & lesbian businesses, professionals, artisans & individuals throughout the Bay Area. Monthly networking events & more. For membership & event info call (415) 441-3651 or (800) 272-0278. Office Hrs: Mon-Fri 11 am-4 pm.

Brava! For Women in the Arts: multicultural organization of women artists who promote excellence among women in the arts thru professional presentation of established women artists, as well as providing services & assistance to emerging women artists. Info: 641-7657.

Federal Lesbians & Gays (FLAG) offers support, advice & activities for Federal employees. Mtg 2nd Wed of each month, 6 pm, SF location. Info: (510) 528-4427.

Palias Athena Network: Open, supportive network for women veterans. Share issues, experiences & thoughts with other women who share the bond of military service. All women vets welcome, regardless of sexual orientation. Group publishes newsletter, with discreet lesbian supplement. No govt or political affiliation, mailing list confidential. Contact: Pallas Athena Network, PO Box 1171-T, New Market, VA 22844.

G/LOV: Gay/Lesbian Organization of Videomakers. Monthly meetings for people involved in all aspects of video & film production. Info: Nikos Diaman 775-6143.

Chevron Lesbian & Gay Employees Association: Call 281-0788 for meeting times & other information.

United Airlines Lesbian & Gay Employees Coalition: Group lobbies for domestic partnership benefits & encourages company participation in gay & lesbian events. For info write GLUE Coalition, 2261 Market St, #293, SF 94114-1693 or call (800) 999-3448.

Women's Business Network (WBN) provides practical support for women in business & women changing careers. Educational networking events, monthly newsletter, low-interest loans for women in business and women changing careers. Info/complimentary newsletter: WBN (510) 482-8583.

Gays & Lesbians in Planning: Social group for men & women in city planning & related professions. Bi-monthly potluck dinners, short programs & social events. Info: 626-5750.

BANGLE (Bay Area Network of Gay & Lesbian Educators) supports lesbian, gay & bisexual educators by providing monthly social gatherings & working for equality in education. Membership confidential. Educators, their families & friends are welcome. Info: SF—(415) 285-5078, Eastbay (510) 234-4627, Contra Costa County (510) 687-4851, Southbay (408) 298-1231, Sonoma County (707) 526-7931.

► SENIORS

Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders) offers various groups (writing, outings, discussion, etc) of interest to lesbians & gay men. For info on groups offered call 626-7000.

Senior Information Line:—see Hotlines & Referrals.

St Francis of Assisi Community invites all seniors age 60 & over to share a nutritious free lunch, Mon-Sun at noon. $1.25 suggested donation. Group also offers full, free activities program for seniors, including craft classes, day trips, bingo, exercise classes, health education & health screenings. For meal reservations or copy of activities calendar call 861-5790, 9 am-noon. 145 Guerrero St, SF.

Senior Information & Referral Service, spons by the SF Commission on the Aging, is located at 25 Van Ness Ave, Suite 750, SF. 24-hour phone line: 626-1033.

Eldercare Locator helps families & friends find information about community services for older people, anywhere in the United States and its territories. The service is funded in part by the Older Americans Act. For info call (800) 677-1116.

► SOCIAL GROUPS

Girth & Mirth Club of SF meets every Sat. Chubbies meet chasers meet chubbies. For info write: 176-B Page St, SF 94102 or call 24-hr message hotline: 552-1143.

UCGALA (Univ of Calif Gay & Lesbian Alumni Assoc). Open to graduates and anyone else who is a friend of the University. Annual membership: $20. For info & to get on mailing list (confidentiality assured), call 267-3150. Monthly social & cultural events.

Cal Poly GALA (Gay & Lesbian Alumni Assoc) provides social & cultural support for lesbian, gay & bisexual students, curricula & activites, and serves the needs alumni & future alumni. Absolute confidentiality assurred. Info: (408) 245-7179.

Sunset Rising: Sunset District (Inner & Outer) gays, lesbians & bisexuals gather for social & volunteer activities. Join us! Info: 753-6435.

Fremont Men Social Group: Potlucks, dinners, hikes, etc; in the Fremont area. For newsletter or other info write PO Box 1238, Fremont, CA 94538 or call (510) 713-2455, (510) 596-3578.

Berkeley Flats Dykes (BFD) meets 10:30-1:30 pm on the last Sun of each month for potluck brunch. You don't have to live in the Berkeley Flats to attend, just bring something to eat or drink. Call the hotline (510) 273-2465 for location.

Tri-City Area Lesbians (Fremont, Union City, & Newark). Meet your neighbors for informal dinners, socials, etc. Call Beth or Laurie (510) 794-8004.

Palo Alto Lesbians & Gay Men meet monthly for the melting pot luck in our homes. All ages, singles, couples, multiracial, are welcome! Open to all diversity, come join in! Info: Jay or Tom 858-2800.

Coastside Social Group (Pacifica-Half Moon Bay Area) for gays, lesbians, family & friends. Info: Laura 359-0207 or Paul 726-2838.

Albany Dykes: Join your neighbors for potluck Sun brunch! Info/location: Barbara (510) 528-9026 or Judy (510) 525-6866.

Oakland Lesbians living between Telegraph, Broadway, 40th & 51st Streets: Meet your lesbian neighbors for community & fun! Call (510) 655-8792 for more info & to get on the mailing list.

Solano Lambda Men's Assoc: Offers alternative events for gay men. Rap group, social activities, etc. Meets 2nd & 4th Tues of each month in Vacaville, call (707) 448-1010 for info/location.

Napa Valley Men's Network: Social organization of gay and bisexual men over 18, from Northbay counties. Group meets for potluck dinners on the 2nd Sun of each month, and for addt'l events as scheduled. For newsletter, write PO Box 4307, Napa 94558.

Women Over 50 Social Group meets every 3rd Sun from 3-5 pm, in Los Gatos. Other events arranged. Info: (408) 354-4397 or (415) 558-8366.

Generation X-Ers: Rap/social group for progressive-thinking twentysomethings (women especially encouraged). Dicussion topics: mid-twenties breakdown, generation identity, PC, activism, Bradys, etc. SF location. Info: 252-9097.

Die naechsten Potluckparty des Deutschen Freundschaftskreises erfolgt am dritten Freitag des Monats. Alle, die Deutsch sprechen oder Interesse haben sind herzlich Willkommen. Fuer weitere Infos bitte Don unter 329-1438 anrufen.

Venite! Gruppo sociale per chiacchierare in italieno. Last Friday eve of each month. Call 824-2323.

Russian-speaking potluck social: 2nd Fri of every month. All ability levels welcome, from native to beginner. Info/location: Don 329-1438.

Language Practice/Social Group for people of color; see People of Color.

Asian Lesbian Potluck Brunch Group, see People of Color.

Bridging the Gap Alliance: Social/political group of deaf, hard of hearing and hearing lesbians. Meets monthly (mtgs in ASL). New signers are welcome! Info: write BGA, PO Box 5669, Berkeley, CA 94705.

East Bay Network: Club for gay community socializing. Anytime, on-line 24 hrs. Computer & modem required. Call (510) 827-0470. Modem (510) 827-3894.

New Horizons: Social/support/volunteer group for young adults in their twenties. Meet Thurs in San Anselmo, Marin at the YWCA, 1000 Sir Francis Drake Blvd. New members drop-in at 7:45 pm, gen'l mtgs 8-9:30 pm. Info: 457-3523.

East Bay Men: Get together for various social events—dinners, cinemas, etc. Couples & singles welcome. Non-sexual. Info: PO Box 866, El Cerrito, 94530 or call (510) 466-0455.

Social Group for Bay Area professional & business men. Meet for dining out, cinemas & other social events. Alternative to the bars. Non-sexual. Write PO Box 1397, El Cerrito, 94530 or call (510) 527-9244.

Older Single Dykes Social Group: Social activies, friendship, networking & support in an alcohol, drug, s/m, smoke & perfume-free environment; for dyke-centered lesbians over 40. Dyke separatists especially welcome. Info: (510) 482-0635.

Eastbay Dykes Separatist Social Group meets for fun, discussion, and to expand our Separatist support network. Assume no s/m, drugs, alcohol, smoking or perfume. Info/location: (510) 482-0635 or (510) 655-8792.

The Irish Lesbian & Gay Organization meets monthly. Info/location: 929-8877.

Negatives Being Positive: Social group of HIV negative gay men, spons by the AIDS Health Project. See Main Calendar listings for upcoming events or call the Event Line 476-6448 and press option 4 at the recorded message.

Coastside Social Group (Pacifica-Half Moon Bay Area) for gays, lesbians, family & friends. Info: Laura 359-0207 or Paul 726-2838.

The Guys: A social alternative for athletic, active gay guys. Sun brunches, Tahoe, hiking, beaches, biking, pool, bowling, etc. Info:(510) 531-5836.

Brainy, Artsy Gals: Group meets for potluck parties, first Fri of each month, SF & Eastbay locations. Info: (510) 658-9389.

► SPIRITUALITY

Shabbat Services with Sha'ar Zahav, Jewish lesbian/gay congregation. Every Fri at 8:15 pm & last Saturday of each month, 10:30 am. 220 Danvers (upper Market), SF. 861-6932.

Temple Israel of Alameda: A caring & inclusive congregation, everyone is welcome. Fri services at 8 pm. Family Service 1st Fri of the month at 7:30 pm. 1st & 3rd Sat of month: 10 am study, 11 am Minyan. 3183 Mecartney Rd, Alameda. Info: Kathy or Joyce (510) 653-8494.

Jewish Lesbians, bisexual women &

friends meet to celebrate Shabbat, 1st Fri of each month, alternating btwn SF & EB locations. Join us for letting go of the week & your work, bringing in Shabbat with song, food, schmoozing & Jewish culture. Please wear no scents. Info: 821-4009.

Nishmat Shalom: An Eastbay feminist minyan. Semi-traditional havura, first Sat of each month at 10 am. Services followed by vegetarian potluck. Women, men, gay, straight, bi welcome. Call (510) 559-9759 for details.

Gay Buddhist Fraternity: For gay men who practice any form of the Buddhadharma, or who are interested in practicing. Meet 2nd & 4th Sun of each month in a beautiful SF meeting place for meditation, discussion & interaction. Additional group events & retreats held occasionally. Beginners welcome! For info write: The Gay Buddhist Fraternity, PO Box 173, 2261 Market St, SF 94114. Please include your phone number.

Zen in the Castro: Hartford Street Zen Center is a Zen Buddhist temple & AIDS hospice. Join us. Learn Zazen, Zen meditation. Info/appt: 861-6779.

Vajrayana Buddhist Support Group for gay/bisexual men meets in SF. Practitioners of Tibetan Buddhism are welcome to join a supportive circle of male friends. Info: 863-7532.

Sunday's Women gather to explore the Goddess Movement, network with other spiritual women. Guest speakers. 3rd Sun of each month, Montclair Women's Club, 1650 Mountain Blvd, Oakl. $7-10 donation. Spons by Women's Spirituality Forum. Call the Goddess Hotline, (510) 444-7724, for info on current & upcoming events.

Women's Circle Network: If you are in a women's circle & would like to connect with a community of women's circles contact Emerald at 2124 Kittredge #11, Berkeley 94704. Call (510) 652-6355.

Witches Support Group meets to address issues. Women only. Jewish witches especially welcome. Info: 985-7473 leave message for Janette.

Women's Spirituality/New Moon Shamanic Circle: Drumming, ritual, journeying, prayer. Free. SF location. Info: Mireya 648-7592.

Imaging the Goddess as a personal, political & fun action. Make a unique politicl statement, explore your creativity & connections to strong images of wimmin. Free wkshops offered throughout Spring, all wimmin welcome, art-phobics especially encouraged. Eastbay & SF locations, call (510) 655-2179 for info.

Spiritual Company, a non-sectarian meditation & discussion group meets twice monthly to share the peace, strength, hope & love that our chosen paths have brought us. Call 647-9609 or write 95 Corwin St #2, SF 94114.

Tayu Center: Fourth Way spiritual school directed by Robert Daniel Ennis, modern spiritual adept. Study groups meet 2nd Fri of each month at 7:30 pm in the Eastbay (776 Colusa Ave, El Cerrito) and 3rd Tues at 8 pm in Marin (77 Bulkey #12, Sausalito), and the last Tues at 8 pm in Sebastopol (898 Daniel St). Includes co-meditation (2-person), reading & discussion of Fourth Way material. Info: (707) 829-9579.

J Krishnamurti Dialogues & Video Screenings offered in SF and the Eastbay. Call (415) 469-0606 for info.

St Marks Lutheran Church Communion: Sun, 9 & 11 am, 1111 O'Farrell at Gough, SF. Info: 928-7770.

Gay Men's Radical Faery Circle comes together every Thurs night at 8 pm. Bring instruments & energy! Info/location: 626-3369.

St Paul's Lutheran Church: worship & Eucharist, Sun, 10 am. 1658 Excelsior Ave, Oakl (just off I-580). Info: 530-6333.

Dolores Street Baptist Church: Small, inclusive & caring congregation of folks from many backgrounds & religious traditions. Sunday: 9:30 am Biblical Discernment on Today's Issues; 11 am worship. 208 Dolores St, SF. Call 861-1434 for more info or church vision statement. Everyone welcome!

Acceptance: Baptist Bible Study & support group meets Wednesdays, 7:30 pm. Location varies. Everyone is welcome. For info: 843-9705, 626-5034.

American Baptists Concerned: a supportive community of gay/lesbian Baptists & friends. Meets at 5 pm the first Sun of each month for fellowship and a potluck. Everyone is welcome! Also publishes quarterly newsletter, *Voice of the Turtle*. To join mailing list send $10 to ABC, 872 Erie St, Oakl 94610. For mtg & group info: (510) 465-8652.

Lakeshore Avenue Baptist Church (American Baptist) is an inclusive church welcoming & affirming gay men & lesbians. Worship 10 am Sun at 3534 Lakeshore Ave & Mandana, Oakland. Gay/lesbian group, American Baptists Concerned, meets the first Sun of each month. For more info call (510) 893-2484.

Bethany United Methodist Church: Caring & inclusive congregation, every person is welcome. Church reaches out to the lesbian & gay community. Sun worship at 11 am. 1268 Sanchez St at Clipper, SF. Info: 647-8393.

Montclair Presbyterian Church welcomes gay & lesbian people to worship & join in the church's many social justice & support programs. Worship service uses inclusive language. 10 am worship, 10 am church school & nursery for children. 5101 Thornhill Drive, Oakl. Info: Rev Chuck McClain or Rev Cindy Crowner, (510) 339-1131.

Seventh Ave Presbyterian Church: Inclusive community; gay, lesbian & straight, all ages. Come join, you're welcome! Sun worship at 10:30 am. 1329 7th Ave, SF. Info: 664-2543.

St John's Presbyterian Church: An inclusive "More Light" congregation in south Berkeley, nr the University campus, welcomes & affirms gay men & lesbians. Services 10 am Sun at 2727 College Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 845-6830.

Alameda First Congregational Church holds that all people are equally loved & accepted. You are welcome to Sun services at 10:30 am, 1912 Central Ave, Alameda. Info: (510) 522-6012.

St John's United Church of Christ, Laguna Honda at Woodside. An open & affirming church, welcoming people of all ages, races, shapes, sizes and abilities. Worship at 10 am with people who are single, married, divorced, widowed, gay & lesbian. Diversity is encouraged & celebrated. People who love to sing are especially welcome! Info: 731-9333.

Christian Women's Support Group meets 4th Sat of each month. Inclusive language eucharist, potluck, fellowship. Info: Kris Wagner 534-5546, Bonita Palmer 647-8390.

Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) of SF: Sun worship services: 9 am, 11 am & 7 pm. AIDS ministry (see AIDS Resources), women's & men's groups, children's programming & educational series. Rev Jim Mitulski, pastor. 150 Eureka St, SF. Info: 863-4434.

Golden Gate MCC Sun worship services: 12:45 & 7 pm; 11 am bible study. 1600 Clay St, SF. Rev Buddy Trulock, pastor. Lesbian & gay Christians welcome all to enjoy nourishing worship & fellowship of Jesus Christ. Info: 567-9080.

New Life MCC Sun worship service: 1823 9th St at Hearst, Berkeley. 12:30 pm. Potluck every 3rd Sun. All welcome! Rev Barry Wichman, pastor. Leslie Addison, clergy intern. WA. Info: (510) 843-9355.

MCC of San Lorenzo meets at Christ Lutheran Church, 100 Hacienda St at Hathaway, San Lorenzo. Services Sun at 6 pm. Interim pastor: Rev Michael England. Info: (510) 481-9720.

Diablo Valley MCC Sun worship service, 10 am, 2253 Concord Blvd, Concord. Wed worship, 7 pm, followed by lay ministry courses at 8:15 pm. Info: (510) 827-2960.

New Hope! MCC of Santa Rosa meets 11:30 am at 3632 Airway Dr, Santa Rosa. All lifestyles welcome! Pastor Bob Cunningham. Info: (707) 526-HOPE.

Russian River MCC Sun worship service: Noon, 14520 Armstrong Woods Rd, Guerneville. Info: Rev Linda Laster (707) 869-0552.

Evangelicals Concerned-SF Bay Area: Local chapters in SF, Eastbay, San Jose, of national pro-lesbian/gay Christian organization. Weekly discussion/Bible study groups, social activities & retreats. Be affirmed of both your sexuality & spirituality. Call Andrea or Jeff at (415) 621-ECWR (3297) for details.

Agape Full Gospel Fellowship: Ministry for all communities. Promotes spiritual, mental, physical & social wholeness thru Jesus Christ. Sunday worship service at 6:30 pm at 50 Belcher, SF. Thurs bible study at 7:30 pm, call for location. Info: Pastor Mike Arbuckle 921-3207 or Deacon Joel Daniels 864-3868.

St Michael's Ecumenical Catholic Church: Pro-gay, independent denomination. Sun services at 10 am, 21956 Russian River Ave, Villa Grande. Info: Bishop Mark Shirilau (707) 865-0119.

Open Arms Community Church meets Sun at 7 pm at Faith Lutheran Church, 4930 Newanga. A non-denominational Christian Church for all lifestyles. Rev John Torres, pastor. Info: (707) 526-2133.

Freedom in Christ Evangelical Church. Group of Christians gathered together as local Bible-believing assembly. Lesbian/gay positive outreach. Focus on sharing the gospel of salvation in Jesus Christ with our community & to enourage one another in "the faith once delivered unto the saints." Worship & praise service on Sun 11 am at Jon Sims Center, 1519 Mission St, SF. Wed eve sharing & study of God's Word at Dolores St Baptist Church, 15th & Dolores, SF at 7:30 pm. For more info write PO Box 14462, SF 94114-4462 or call 647-0184.

Faith Fellowship: Sun services 6 pm, bible study Wed at 6:30 pm. All welcome! 22577 Bay View Ave, Hayward. Info: (510) 537-2992.

Trinity Episcopal Church: traditional liturgy with liberal theology. Inclusive urban parish. Sunday Choral Eucharist, 11 am. 1668 Bush St nr Gough, SF. Rev Robert Cromey, rector. Info: 775-1117.

Holy Innocents Episcopal Church in Noe Valley: Friendly neighborhood & community church. Emphasis on liturgy, preaching, music, social activities. Rev Armand Kreft, vicar; Rev Karen Siegriedt, deacon. Solemn Mass at 10 am, Sun. 455 Fair Oaks St, btwn 25th & 26th, Dolores & Gurrero, SF. Info: 824-5142.

St John the Evangelist Church. Christian fellowship in strong liturgical tradition. Welcomes gays & lesbians. Daily Eucharist. Grief support, quiet prayer, Bible study, inclusive women's group. Sun service 11 am. 1661 15th St, SF, near BART station. Entrance on Julian. Info: 861-1436.

Integrity SBA: Gay & lesbian Episcopalians & friends, local chapter of an international organization, co-spons lively discussions every Thurs eves, 7-9:30 pm at the Parsonage, 555A Castro St, SF. Info: 552-2909.

The Parsonage, an Episcopalian ministry at 555 A Castro St, SF, advocates justice for lesbian/gay people, and witnesses to the godliness of gay/lesbian love. Together with Integrity, the assoc of gay/lesbian Episcopalians, the group sponsors programs every Thurs eve at 7 pm. Call 552-2909 for program details, further info.

Integrity/El Camino Real: Episcopal gay & lesbian ministry meets at churches from Palo Alto to Monterey on the 3rd Sun of each month. 5:30 pm service, potluck at 6:15 pm, program & discussion at 7 pm. Jim: (415) 493-1253 or Russ (408) 294-2026.

Affirmation: Gay & lesbian Mormons. Social/support group for Latter-Day Saints, their families & friends. Wkly mtgs. Sun at 5:30 pm, MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Info: 641-4554.

Unitarian Universalists for Lesbian & Gay Concerns of the First Unitarian Church of SF (UULGC/SF) meets 2nd Sun of every month at 12:15 pm, First Unitarian Church, 1187 Franklin St, SF. Spons variety of events & social functions for lesbians, gay men, bisexuals & friends. The Unitarian Universalist Church provides union services for lesbian & gay partners, has a significant number of openly gay clergy & a long history of support for lesbian/gay individuals & groups.

Dignity/SF: Faith community of lesbian, gay & bisexual Roman Catholics & friends. Inclusive-language Mass every Sun at 5:30 pm at Dolores Street Church, 100 208 Dolores St at 15th, SF. Call 255-9244 for more info.

Prayer & Support Group for Hispanic, gay & lesbian Catholics, spons by Dignity/SF, meets every 7:30 pm every 2nd Fri of the month for prayer at Dolores Street Church, 15th & Dolores, SF. Dignidad/SF Catolicos gay y lesbiana de habla hispana se reunen para apoyo y oraciones el segundo viernes de cada mes 7:30 pm en Dolores St Church 16 y Dolores. Info: Jaime 252-7623.

Most Holy Redeemer Roman Catholic Church, 100 Diamond St (18th & Diamond, in the Castro), SF. Masses: Sat 5 pm; Sun 7:30 & 10 am. Weekdays 8 am & 5:30 pm. Outreach to lesbians & gay men, AIDS support group. All welcome. Info: 863-6259.

Noe Valley Ministry: An inclusive More Light Presbyterian community. Worship service: 10 am Sun; Cantate, a joyous service of chanting, meditation & prayer, 2nd Sun of each month at 7 pm. Women's spirituality gathering, an exploration of sexuality, spirituality & justice, 4th Sun of every month at 7 pm. All lifestyles are welcome! 1021 Sanchez St, SF. Info: 282-2317.

Peace United Church: Liberal Protestant church; small & caring community, creative worship gatherings. Sensitive to social & political justice issues. Two lesbian ministers. Worship service Sun at 5 pm; Monte Vista Ave at Oakland Ave, in back of Plymouth UCC, Oakland. Info: (510) 486-0625. Childcare provided. Wheelchair Accessible.

GLAD Alliance (Gays, Lesbians & Affirming Disciples) of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) meets the 3rd Sun of each month, 4-7 pm at University Christian Church, 2401 LeConte Ave, Berkeley. Info: Bill (510) 644-1823 or (510) 652-6036.

The Church of Amron, a metaphysical ministry, holds solstice services, healing circles, classes on yoga, metaphysics, channeling, ritual, affirmations, shaman drumming, & much more. 2254 Van Ness Ave at Vallejo, SF. For info call 775-0227.

First Congregational Church, United Church of Christ. Post & Mason Sts, SF. An open & affirming church that began ordaining gays in 1972. Services: 9 & 11 am, adult education at 9:45 am. Outstanding music program. Close to public transit, parking at Sutter/Stockton garage. Info: 392-7461.

World Peace/Inner Peace: Intro talks on the transcendental meditation program. Wed 8 pm at 347 Dolores St, SF. Room 231. Free. Also group meditations for practitioners, Wed at 5:30 pm.

Tayu Center, a Fourth Way spiritual school directed by Robert Daniel Ennis, a modern spiritual adept. Study group meets every Tues eve at 8 pm, at Hartford Street Zen Center, 57 Hartford St, SF. Includes co-meditation (2-person), reading & discussion of Fourth Way material. Info: (707) 829-9579.

First Church of Religious Science of Oakland's lesbian & gay family meets to celebrate "our powerful lifestyle & consciousness and to expand our understanding of the practical techniques and the empowering teachings of our philosophy... free of dogma or judgements." Info: Robert 832-7120.

Gay Clergy Support: Group for professional clergy. Socialize & network/exchange with other gay religious and clergy who believe in their unique calling as gays in the Church. Info: 584-1034.

► SPORTS

Berkeley & Eastbay Athletes interested in becoming involved with the group coordinating the Eastbay's effort for the 1994 Gay Games in New York: Contact Chris (510) 649-1408 for details.

SF Frontrunners Social running & walking club for lesbians, gays & bisexuals, & their friends. All levels welcome. Regular wkly runs: Sat 9 am, Stow Lake Boathouse, Golden Gate Park; 1 mi. walk or 1-5 mi. runs, no-host brunch follows; Tues 6:30 pm, Ferry Bldg (under clock tower), up to 5 mi. flat run along Embarcadero; Thurs 6:30 pm, McLaren Lodge, Golden Gate Park, 3.5 mi. run; Sun 9 am, variable location runs. Info: Mike 206-9312.

Eastbay Frontrunners Club sponsors noncompetitive runs in various Eastbay locations. Runs begin at 9:30 am, and are followed by brunch. Info: Roz (510) 939-3579 or Greg (510) 865-6792.

Baylands Frontrunners: For Peninsula & Southbay runners & walkers. Men & women welcome. Meets every Sat at 9 am, at the Baylands Athletic Center, Geng Road, off Embarcadero, east of 101, Palo Alto; and every Wed at noon at the stretching bars, Angell Field, Stanford University. For info call Linda (408) 226-5966 or Jay (415) 858-2800.

SF Hiking Club: join us for day trips, backpacking & social activities. See calendar listing for this month's schedule. For more info write: SF Hiking Club, PO Box 14065, SF 94114 or call 826-3489 eves.

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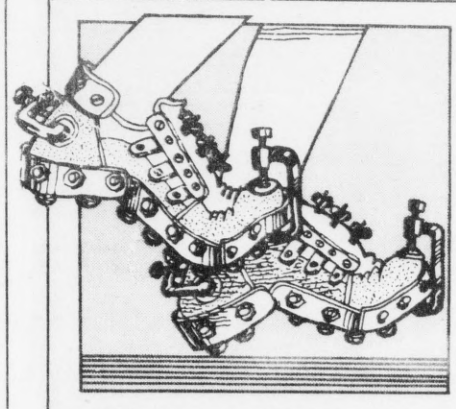

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X-TA-C Cross Country Ski Club spons 1-day and wkend ski trips to various locations in Northern Calif. All levels of skiing ability are welcome. Monthly potlucks held during the ski season. Info: 330-5485.

SAGA North Ski Club: Social club for gay & lesbian downhill skiiers of all ability levels. Monthly mtgs throughout the ski season, and trips to Park City, Jackson Hole, Tahoe, etc. Info: 995-2772.

Marin Hike & Bike Club for Gay & Bi Men: Enjoy the company of other athletic guys in a positive, non-toxic outdoor environment. Informal club gathers for hikes, bike rides, camping trips, as well as purely social events. No membership fees. For info call 721-4299.

Gay/Lesbian Sierrans: escape the madness of the city, explore & appreciate the beautiful outdoors. GLS presents 1-3 hikes each week; plus monthly program on 3rd Tues of each month, 7:30 pm, Nat'l Sierra Club, Polk St at Ellis, SF. For SIGN, call TDD (510) 653-6127. For info & free sample newsletter: 281-5666 (24-hrs).

Gay/Lesbian Sierrans Loma Prieta (Southbay) Chapter: 2448 Watson Court, Palo Alto, 94303. Call (408) 229-1234 for info.

0**Wilderness Women** explore the great outdoors. Hikes, nature study, camping, ski trips & more. All adventures shared with friendly women. $5/yr. Calendar/newsletter. Write 5329 Manila Ave, Oakl, 94618. Info: (510) 658-2196.

Golden Gate Wrestling Club holds Olympic Freestyle Wrestling practices twice weekly. All weights, skill levels & ages welcome. Large facility, accessible to public transit. Info: Gene 821-2991.

SF Wrestling Club: all forms & wrestling styles; all ages, weights & experience levels welcome. Call (510) 538-8490 or (415) 821-9721 for details.

Motorcycle Club for Black gay women. For info write: 1081 Alameda #117, Belmont, CA 94002.

Pegasus Motorcycle Club for gay, Bay Area men: Explore Calif backroads & points of interest. Monthly 1 or 2-day runs. For info/details call Jay/SF, (415) 861-2872, Ed/Eastbay (510) 531-5243 or Allen/Marin (415) 389-0905. Also check Main Calendar.

Dyke Diver offers a newsletter for dykes who scuba dive. Send SASE to Dyke Diver, PO Box 460096, SF CA 94146 for info/details.

Northern Calif Rainbow Divers: Lesbian & Gay Scuba Club for the active diver in Northern Calif. Meets 2nd Tues of every month at 7:30 pm at the Sierra Club, 730 Polk St, SF. Info: Greg Abrams 821-2877.

SF Tsunami Gay & Lesbian Masters Swim team invites swimmers of all ages, races, gender & abilities to enjoy both competitive and non-competitive swimming. Group participates in meets, lake swims, int'l gay aquatic events & numerous social events throughout the year. Coached workouts wkends & wknights. Info/locations: 824-2512.

Barbary Coast Boating Club: Gay yacht club serving Northern Calif. Meets 3rd Wed of each month at the Berkeley Yacht Club, 7-9 pm. All interested visitors are welcome! Info: 905-6267.

Women's Soccer Team: Has members on both sides of the Bay, more members are welcome! Lesbians & friends encouraged to join. Call SF: (415) 641-8771 or EB: (510) 547-3675.

Women's Soccer Team welcomes experienced players, especially goalies. Info: (510) 523-5373 or (415) 647-3205.

Men's Soccer Team, SF Spikes, practices Tues 5:30-dark at Beach Chalet. Games on Saturdays. For details call Carlo 821-4248.

Women's Field Hockey League: Only women's field hockey group in the Bay Area. Sunday games. Call 431-2720.

SF Women's FLAG Football League: Games at Golden Gate Park Polo Field, Sun 9:30 am-3 pm. Info: 584-6496.

Stonewall Climbers: Gay & lesbian rockclimbing group. To join us on one of our trips, call 695-9056 or 863-2789.

Gay Tennis Federation: A lesbian & gay tennis club. All playing levels welcome. Write: GTF, 2215-R, Market St #109, SF CA 94114 or call 626-5427 x2.

SF Women's Judo Club: Open to all women 12 yrs of age & older. Come & observe classes. Schedule: Tues & Thurs 6-8 pm, Sat 11 am-1 pm. 1622 Castro & 26th St, SF. Info: 821-0303 BEFORE 10 pm.

Ronin Dojo Karate School for Women offers instruction in Kenpo Karate, with emphasis on self-defense by experienced black belt women. Beginners welcome. Info: 731-7560.

Aikido Arts Center: For women, men, kids. Special beginners classes. Mornings & evenings. Info: 861-6044.

Hand to Hand Martial Arts: Nonprofit provides dynamic, woman-centered martial arts & self defense training in the Eastbay. Head instructor: Coleen Gragen, 4th degree black belt. Info: (510) 428-0502.

PAWMA (Pacific Assoc of Women Martial Artists) promotes martial arts training for women in an atmosphere of mutual respect & trust. Provides info on schools, classes, seminars, workshops, performances & more. Call 664-7034 or write PAWMA, PO Box 12861, Berkeley 94701-12861 for info.

Eastbay Lesbian Bowlers: All skill levels welcome. Call (510) 653-4135 for info.

BICEPS (Bodybuilders Into Competition, Education & Physique). Steroid-free bodybuilding for men & women. All levels & ages welcome. For upcoming events info call 267-1864 or write PO Box 410053 SF 94141.

ABS (Arcadia Bodybuilding Society): Int'l bodybuilding organization, organizers of the annual SF gay/lesbian Physique Show. All levels welcome. Info: 978-9495.

Lesbian & Gay Ultimate Frisbee Team: Meets Sat 11 am-1 pm in Golden Gate Park, SF. If you can play weekly & want a good workout, you're welcome! Call Claire 285-0936 for more info. All skill levels are welcome.

Rollerblade Club for beginners on the Peninsula. Call Elena 592-7183.

East Bay Gay/Bi Sports Players soical group: Competitive, but for fun only. No regular attendance or commitment required. Choice of softball, volleyball, tennis, basketball, football or other sports. All levels welcome. Suggestions welcome. Info: 769-7583.

► SUPPORT GROUPS

Losing A Best Friend: free pet loss support group spons by the SF SPCA for people who have lost an animal companion. Led by Dr Betty Carmack, the group helps pet owners work thru feelings of loss, anger & depression. 7:30-9 pm, 1st Tues of each month at the SF SPCA, 2500 16th St, SF. Info/res: 554-3000.

Overcoming Violent Behavior Anonymous: SF group, see Incest & Battery.

Women's Cancer Support Groups: spons by Women's Cancer Resource Ctr, see Health.

Lesbian Adoptees: open group discussing issues around search, reunion, depression, anger, abandonment, identity, etc. Meets every other Sun in SF. Info: Amy 923-1454.

Adoptees, Birth Parents & Adoptive Parents support groups meet throughout the Bay Area. For info/locations: Post Adoption Center for Education & Research (PACER) 935-6622.

Adoptee Support Group for adoptees & those interested in adoptee issues. Mon 7:30-9 pm at SF State Women's Center, Student Union, 2nd floor, room 114. Free. Everyone welcome! Info: BJ 885-6124.

Drop-in Gay Men's Rap at Pacific Center, Berkeley: Join other gay men of all ages for a wkly support group, Tues 8-9:50 pm. Info: (510) 548-8283.

Monday Gay Men's Group at Pacific Cetner, Berkeley: Join 50-100 gay men at this weekly drop-in group offering multiple-topic discussion & social time. Mon 7:45-9:50 pm. Info: (510) 548-8283.

Drop-in Lesbian Rap at Pacific Center, Berkeley: Tues eves, 8-9:50 pm. Call (510) 548-8283 for info.

Palo Alto Lesbian Rap Group: discussion group for all lesbians. Meet Thurs 7:30 pm at the Palo Alto YWCA, 4161 Alma (just north of San Antonio), Palo Alto. Different topics each week, see Main Calendar for details. Info: Marilyn 969-1260.

Walnut Creek Lesbian Discussion Group meets Mon at 7 pm at Pacific Center, 1250 Pine St, #301, Walnut Creek. Info: (510) 939-7711.

Walnut Creek Gay Support Group meets Tues at 7 pm at Pacific Ctr, 1250 Pine St #301, Walnut Creek. Info: 939-7711.

Graves' Disease (hyperthyroid) Support Groups in SF & the East Bay: Call Susan (510) 540-8640 for info. In Santa Cruz, call Deborah (408) 479-0559.

Lesbians w/mild MS: Informal support group meets monthly. For info & location, call Blue (510) 658-2477 or Ilene (415) 221-2361.

Headache Support Group meets twice a month in SF. For info call Judy 459-5839.

Support Group for Women whose partners have a chronic illness. Build a circle of friends you can draw support from. For info call Pam 641-0461.

Support Group for Women who want to leave the sex industry meets Tues 4-5:30 pm. Drop-in center open Tues noon-4 pm. 942 Market St #307. Spons by Women Emerging. Info: 982-3365.

Women's Coming Out Group: open to women of all ages, drop-in. Choose topics, make friends. 6 pm Wed at Pacific Ctr (newcomers come at 5:45 pm to meet facilitator). 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: 841-6224.

Coming Out Support Group at Billy DeFrank Community Center, 175 Stockton Ave, San Jose. Focus on issues of people who are just coming out. Meets 3rd Sat of every month, 1-3 pm. Info: (408) 293-2429.

Tri-Valley Gays/Lesbians: Support group for all gay people in the Tri-Valley area meets in Pleasanton, Mon at 5 pm at The Center, 4725 First St, Plesanton. Info: Claudia Hartley (510) 846-2085.

Slightly Older Lesbian Support Group for lesbians over 30. Rap group meets 7:30 pm Thurs at Pacific Ctr, 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Long-running group. Info: 841-6224 or 548-8283 (leave message for SOL).

Career Support Group for Midlife lesbians who are unemployed, changing carers, newly employed or underemployed. 8-wk groups facilitated by Lloyda French, MS, spons by Options for Women Over Forty. Mon 6-8 pm, low fee. Info: 431-6405.

Personal Support Group for Midlife Lesbians, spons by Options for Women Over 40. Facilitated by Lee Bowman, LCSW. Focus on personal issues: midlife transition, sex, relationships, health, aging, change. 8-wk groups. Wed 6:30-8 pm, low fee. Info: Options 431-6405.

Support Group for Lesbians 45 & Older: Focus on issues of our age group. Info: Ruth Gabriel 864-2565.

Support Group for Battered Lesbians, spons by WOMAN, Inc—see Incest & Battery.

Lesbian MidLife Support Group meets once a month on Sun night, free. Discuss menopause, self-image, health issues, older workers, body image, new lifestyles & financial planning. Info/location: 252-9073.

Married/Formerly Married Gay/Bi Men: Wkly support & social group at Pacific Center, Berkeley. Wed 8-9:50 pm. Info: (510) 548-8283.

Men's Support Group for straight men whose wives/lovers are coming out. Marin location. Free. Call Jon Seirup, PhD 898-1468 for info.

Spouses of Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual Persons Support Group meets 4th Tues of each month at St John's Presbyterian Church, College Ave at Garber, Berkeley. 7:30 pm. Info: Amity Buxton (510) 525-0200.

Lesbian Couples Group: Support/social group for lesbians. Meets Fri 7:30 pm at Pacific Center, 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 540-6746 or (510) 548-8283.

Gay Male Couples Support Group meets wkly. Group for men in committed relationships. Info: 861-4045.

Foreskin Restoration Group for men wanting to overcome the mutilation of circumcision & restore our birthright. Technical & moral support mtgs 1st Sun of each month, 1-3 pm at MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Spons by RECAP. Info: (510) 827-4077.

Fasting Support Group for Gay/Bi people. Meets weekly in San Mateo. Free. New fasters are welcome! Call Richard 573-8124 for info/location.

Men Against Circumcision: NAtional direct action network. Group runs a Harm Documentation Project, does Action Alerts, etc. Info: NOHARMM, POB 460795, SF 94146 or call Tim 826-9351.

Eastbay PFLAG (Parents & Friends of Lesbians & Gays) meet 4th Tues of each month, and welcomes gay, lesbians & bisexual persons for safe, confidential sharing & support on family issues. Info: Betty (510) 547-4657 or Peggy (510) 524-8911.

SF PFLAG: Monthly support group for parents & family of lesbians & gays meets at St Francis Lutheran Church, 152 Church St at Market, SF, every 2nd Sun of the month. Gay & lesbian community members are also welcome. Info: 921-8850.

Woman-to-Woman SM: Outcasts is an educational, support & social group for women interested in s/m between women, including lesbian, bisexual & transsexual women. Info: Write PO Box 31266, SF 94131-0266.

The Deaf Gay & Lesbian Center provides support groups for deaf and hard-of-hearing queers. For info call 885-2341 TDD or use California Relay 1-800-735-2922. Several different groups offered.

For More Listings in the support group category, see *SF Bay Times'* classifieds in the "Open Exchange" therapy/support group section, under **"relationship therapy"**, **"recovery addiction"**, and **"incest/battery therapy."**

► THERAPY GROUPS

Women's Institute for Mental Health: low-fee individual, couples & group therapy. SL starts at $15. Groups for women abused as children. Info: 864-2364. 333 Valencia St, SF, Ste 222.

Disabled Lesbian Group for women with physical disabilities, hidden disabilities, chronic illness & chronic pain. Wed & Thurs at Operation Concern. WA, SL. Info: 626-7000 voice/tty.

Gay Men's Disabled Group: are you a gay man with a physical/hidden disability? Isolated & in need of support/therapy? Call 626-7000 v/tty. Group held at Operation Concern, 1853 Market St, SF.

McAuley Neuropsychiatric Institute at St Mary's Hospital & Med Ctr in SF offers a number of psychotherapy groups (eating disorders, incest survivors, single parents, women, etc) for individuals & couples. Wkly mtgs, SL fee. For info or to register: Helga Justman, LCSW 750-5603.

Berkeley Free Clinic peer counseling collective provides counseling for individuals & couples, also provides mediations. Info: (510) 548-2570.

Men—Have You Abused Your Lover? Feeling ashamed, afraid or angry about having been violent with the man you love most? MOVE offers help for gay & bisexual men who batter. See Incest & Battery section for details.

Lesbian Counseling Group offered by Family Service Agency of San Mateo: Focus on helping lesbians explore life issues in a safe, supportive setting. Meets Mon 6-7:30 pm at the agency offices, 1870 El Camino Real, Burlingame. Info/reg: 692-0555.

12-Wk Process Groups for Gay Men. Explore issues of intimacy, trust & communication. Spons by Operation Concern. Call Jill 626-7000.

Intuitive Hypnotherapy for Women: Free group offers help in assessing the unconscious for intuition, psychic development, inner guidance, health & empowerment issues. 7:30 pm Mondays, North Berkeley location. Info: (510) 527-3844.

For Additional Listings in the **Therapy** category see *Bay Times'* classifieds section, "Open Exchange", under the **"counseling"**, **"relationship"**, **"recovery addiction"** and **"incest/battery"** therapy headings.

► TRANSGENDER GROUPS

Transvestites & Transsexuals rap group (women & men): 1st and 3rd Wed and last Fri monthly, 8 pm, Pacific Ctr, Berkeley. Info: 841-6224.

TV/TS & Friends Transgender Group meets 8 pm, last Thurs of each month. SF location. Info: (510) 549-2665 or write ETVC, PO Box 426486, SF CA 94142. We're very active & friendly folks, call us!

Female-to-Male Crossdressers & Transsexuals Only Group. Newsletter & quarterly get-togethers. Info: FTM, 5337 College Ave #142, Oakl, CA 94618

SF Gender Information: provides referrals & networking for transsexuals & other gender community members—see Hotlines & Referrals.

Can We Talk? Transgender Support Group at the Tenderloin AIDS Center. See AIDS Resources for details.

Transsexual Support Group: Group for anyone who is transsexual or has gender issues. Beginners welcome. Group meets every Fri except last Fri of the month at Pacific Center, Berkeley. Info: (510) 841-6224.

Transgender Nation: Focus group of Queer Nation, see Political.

► YOUTH

LYRIC (Lavender Youth Recreation & Information Center) offers social/recreational activities for lesbian, gay & bisexual youth, 23 and under. Offices located in the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. 2nd floor. Info: 703-6150.

QYA (Queer Youth Alliance): Gay, lesbian, bisexual & transgender youth center. 24-hr hotline. Daily events, HIV-positive groups. For queer youth 25 yrs of age or younger. Call 750-3225.

BAY (Bay Area Youth) Positives Group for young people with HIV. See AIDS Resources for details.

California Runaway Hotline provides services to young people who need help, want someone to talk to, or want to send a message to their parents. See Hotlines & Referrals.

Rainbow's End: Lesbian/Gay Youth Group. Open to ages 14-23. Thurs eves, drop-in 6:30 pm, group 7-8:30 pm. 1000 Sir Francis Drake, room 12, San Anselmo, Marin. Info: 457-3523.

Sexual Identity Forum for Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual Youth—and youth exploring sexual identity. Open to ages 21 & under. Meet every Wed night, 7:30-9 pm at the Community Living Room, 28 W. 37th Ave, San Mateo. Drop by & make new friends! Info: 572-0535.

BASMYN (Bay Area Sexual Minority Youth Network) offers a variety of services for bisexal, lesbian, gay, transgender & questioning youth. A "by & for youth" organization. Discretion assured if requested. All letters answered. Free. Write: BASMYN, PO Box 460268, SF 94146-0268.

LYFE (Lambda Youth & Family Empowerment) for lesbian, gay, bisexual & questioning young people. Provides support groups, leadership program, writing & performance classes and social activities. Info: 565-7681. Spons by Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services.

Constant Craving Coffeehouse for Lesbian & Bisexual Women under 23: Last Thurs of each month at Red Dora's Bearded Lady Cafe, 14th St at Guerrero, SF. 7 pm. Spons by LYFE, LYRIC & the Women's Building. Info: 565-7681. 25-cent coffee & tea, plus music, food, live entertainment & lots of fun!

Young Women of Color Group: lesbians, bisexual & questioning, ages 23 & under. Meets Fri, 7-9 pm at Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services, 1748 Market St at Valencia, SF. Ste 201. Info: LYFE 565-7681 or LYRIC 703-6150.

GALTIP (Gay & Lesbian Teen Intervention Program) provides info & confidential counseling in San Mateo County for youth and their families affected by issues of sexual identity. GALTIP is a program of Project FOCYS & the Peninsula Family YMCA. Info: Denee 342-5216.

Diamond Street Youth Shelter: Shelter for homeless kids in SF, part of SF Youth Network. 70 percent lesbian & gay staff. Open 9:45 pm-9 am. Offers shelter, meals, crisis counseling & referrals. Free. 536 Central Ave btwn Hayes & Grove, SF. Bus lines: 21 Hayes or 5 Fulton. Open to youth ages 13-17. No referral necessary to receive services. Call 567-1020 for info.

Young Lesbians: (25 & under). Ongoing rap/support group meets every Tues evening, 6-7:30 pm at the Pacific Center, Berkeley. Free. Info: (510) 548-8283

Young women's rap group for lesbian, bisexual & questioning women 23 & under meets Mon 7-9 pm at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St at Valencia, SF, 3rd floor. Info: LYRIC 703-6150.

Young men's rap group for gay, bisexual, transgender & questioning men 23 & under meets Fri 7-9 pm at MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St at 18th, SF. Info: LYRIC 703-6150.

Co-gender Bisexual Social Group spons by LYRIC meets Sat 2-4 pm at Eureka Rec Center, 100 Collingwood at 18th, SF. Info: 703-6150.

Gay Youth Community Coalition of the Bay Area: Provides advocacy, educational services, peer counseling, networking & technical assistance to sexual minority youth and youth projects. For details call 386-4297 or write PO Box 846, SF 94101-0846.

Lambda Youth Group: Gay, lesbian & bisexual support group for youth up to age 23 in southern Alameda County. Wkly mtgs on Tues, in a drug & alcohol-free environment. Occasional social activities, field trips, special events. Spons by Project Eden. Confidential. Info: (510) 887-0566.

Walnut Creek Youth Group for gay, lesbian & bi youth under age 21 meets Sun at 1 pm at Pacific Center, 1250 Pine St, Ste 301. Info: (510) 939-7711.

Randy Allen's acclaimed one-man show, "P.S. Bette Davis," the amazing and witty representation of the Hollywood star, is a show not to be missed. Calendar has info.

Burning Bush, from Arizona, bring their funk-tinged rock to Faster Pussycat on March 25.

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Danielle Willis: The Pied Piper of goth? Photo by Marc Geller

House of Love

I have an enchanting group of friends who all live in one large apartment in the ghetto, one block away from an uppity strip of boutiques and galleries that makes my skin crawl. Essentially the place is a squat now, considering that rent hasn't been paid in months, the direct results of taking a true SF slumlord to task for his neglect of proper legal building and health codes.

The word "flophouse" comes to mind when I consider the ever-changing list of occupants inhabiting this House of Love, but the word is far too seedy to describe the nurturing magic, pseudo-stability, spontaneous fun and collaborative talent pools this flat boasts. It has become my home away from home. Among the occupants, past and present, there's a guitar-playing teenage French guy; a former janitor for Finnochio's with a mysteriously dangerous past, a heart of gold and a lovely new name; a brooding Stanley Kowalski-esque male actor; a teen punk musician/household boy toy with mohawk capabilities; and a French heiress/photographer/indelible beauty/art student/hetero female who favors leather pants and chaps.

But wait, also residing there is the single most talented and beautiful transgender Doll (if you will) to hit this sleepy town in years, who incidentally *is* getting quite famous at a steady rate. Finally, the latest addition, a jovial young woman who is not only cheerful but knows how to write grant applications. An occasional blue-haired hustler houseboy also floats in and out of the picture, along with a few temporary love interests—some frightening, some frightened, some with food stamps. Sometimes when the doorbell rings, everyone runs to the kitchen and hushes up quickly so as not to intimidate a fellow roomie's "money date." Other times everyone looks just gorgeous as they head out to the Motherlode for similar hostessing privileges.

HAS ANYONE SEEN MY SACRIFICIAL DAGGER?

Recently there were a couple of sudden additions to the cast of characters when Danielle Willis—whose one-person show, *Breakfast in the Flesh District*, is proving to a be a long-running hit for Climate Theater—moved into the flat along with Brigid Brat of God's Girlfriend, the seven-foot trans-bitch guitar goddess whom Danielle calls her boyfriend. Along with them came Danielle's wonderful Belgian wolfhound Julian, a guard dog extraordinaire that the neighbors think is a wolf, and four cats, all post-move traumatized until they realized there were tons of mice to kill, due to outdoor filth left untouched by the negligent landlord to breed vermin and block fire exits and whatnot.

After the arrival of this feline, canine and transvestite menagerie, I visited the house and was pleased as punch to find Danielle and most of the roommates sitting in a circle in a room lit only by a single candle, listening to Pink Floyd's "Wish You Were Here," while smoking lots of pot. I saw the Ouija board sitting on the bed behind them all, and I thought to myself, "You know, Danielle and Brigid's stoner/metal/goth/satanist influence is going to do this house a world of good." Greta and Eva, two of their cats, darted by the door, batting around yet another mouse until it too stopped being fun, just like the one before and the one before that.

Danielle retired to her room to bang away on her laptop computer for a while. At that time Brigid was down in L.A. shopping around his cassette in the depths of this nation's most painted and largest metal/death rock/gothic scene. A phone call the next day revealed that he and his accompanying friends were all high on belladonna (how totally goth) that night, and Danielle confided that she was really glad she didn't make that trip to L.A. with them. Instead she was all comfy in her new, albeit temporary home. Bounding out of her room she exclaimed, "Hey Don, see my pajamas," twirling proudly in an oversized KISS T-shirt and a pair of black tights. She may have been hundreds of miles away from L.A., but Danielle seems to forever reside near the skinny, long-haired, greasepainted and lingerie-clad heart of rock 'n roll, leading the hordes of death-obsessed goth kids like the pied piper, only the flute isn't a flute. It's a stick of clown-white makeup.

Danielle had earlier performed that evening at a new Wednesday night club called Bondage a Go-Go, which she gave us a rundown of, which was something like this: "I did a reading, I stripped for one song, and I fisted someone onstage ('Again! Oh, Danielle'). The club is really cool, though. All the strippers in town were there with their biker boyfriends. Even some Hell's Angels. There was some older ugly biker couple overwhelmed by it all, so the guy went down on his old lady right there—feeling festive I guess. The dancers were great in all this bondage gear, and when the guys who run the place paid me for the night, one of them said, 'Invite a bunch of your scariest fag friends here next time you come so the suburbanites will get scared and not come back or overrun the place.' You should go there, Don." I probably will very soon but for the moment I was more into teasing Julian the hound with my realistic imitation of a pig squealing, a hidden talent that Danielle was fascinated by, asking me to do it again—no doubt planning my placement in some future satanic ritual or sexual degradation performance piece a la *Deliverance*.

And that's just the tip of the iceberg with Danielle. See her show if you haven't already, and this will become more than clear. It's an endearing voyage of the laughing damned that's pulled in celebrities such as Gus Van Sant, Matt Dillon and Lydia Lunch for a look-see. She's enjoyed great reviews in the dailies, and I even heard that she was approached vaguely by the people planning *Wayne's World II*, the sequel. But enough about her, or her show, that is.

The next time I visited "the freakiest house in the ghetto," a founding member of the household, Switch, made an announcement for all the hallway gypsies residing there to hear and respect: "I just wanted to warn you all that I have an old friend coming for a visit and she will be staying with us a couple of days." This was met with groans and a question or two about the visitor. Flexing her matriarchal muscle, Switch continued, "This friend, like the last one, is from the East, so you know what that means. I taught with her in Boston, that's how I know her."

Someone interjected, "Oh, another uptight Bostonian."

Switch raised her voice to a more forceful and loud tone of authority, saying, "She's really cool, just different, and I want her to be comfortable here, understand?" A long silent pause followed, indicating slight discomfort over the law being laid down in a squat situation fueled by junior anarchistic ideals. Then Danielle, straddling a chair backwards, drawled out in her best stoner burn-out dude voice, "Well... so, can I like fuck her?" The laughter of lawlessness roared from the room.

As it turned out, Danielle found an ideal apartment for herself and moved a couple of days later, boasting that it resembled an aptly gothic mausoleum fit for both work and play.

NEW SOLO PIXIE

Back at the House of Squat, sans Danielle and her constantly amusing dirty stories and culturally telling observations shared and captivating, about the only sounds you'd hear would be the telephone or the latest album by Alice in Chains... again. It's a fave of the one from L.A., has been for three months and more recently has been played at volumes that even disturb the crack flat upstairs. Switch the superstar was down one night, not having Danielle there to commiserate with about their newfound fame. I decided to pay a visit with a CD I was very excited about, Frank Black, the first solo album from the leader of the Pixies, the best rock band in the world, who've sadly parted ways. As a matter of fact, the first time I met the Heiress and MC Switch we bonded over a Pixies album, so naturally they had to hear this solo effort. An unenthusiastic Switch listened to three songs and said, "They sound like ELO and Queen." I hit her.

For those expecting a disc that would essentially sound like the next Pixies album, you're only partly right. Instead of the usual Pixies guitar upon guitar assault reaching new heights of sonic majesty, Frank Black actually has a sublime pop quality. The musical arrangements are more melodic and even complex, pushed and sparked by the magnificent use of keyboards wafting, bopping and raging liberally through the entire 15 songs. At certain points I'm strongly reminded of the way Elvis Costello and the Attractions' keyboardist Steve Neive played on the second and third Costello albums. Vocally Frank Black is

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more smooth than in his previous incarnation, meaning a few less screams (something he does better than anyone) and a more mature and developed ability to hold the right note yet inject it with a swelling, gravelly roar, creating a verse to verse crescendo effect. Technically I guess that's still screaming, but this disc indicates a bit more method than that.

Some of the songs are of course about absolutely nothing it seems, while others, as near as I can figure, range in subject matter. I think the opening cut "Los Angeles" is about hating L.A. ("I'll wait in L.A./ I'll wait in the pouring sun/ No way/ For not anyone"). "I Heard Ramona Sing" is about walkmans and Menudo, which rhymes with pseudo. "Fu Manchu" is a rollicking fun rocker with bitchin' horn samples and it's all about the Fu Manchu style of moustache. "Old Black Dawning" is a warning of impending Armaggeddon and space colonization. "Brackish Boy" is an acoustic Latin-flavored song about a Mexican guy who gets hit by a truck. "Parry the Wind High, Low," is about a UFO convention in a Hilton somewhere.

The best song on Frank Black is called "Ten Percenter," which is a very blunt and succinct statement about who Frank Black is. ("I'm just trying to be a guy/ Who's hailing from Ann Arbor/ I'm a jerk/ And it's good/ Getting perk/ Yes I would/ I'm a jerk"). Taken out of context, this lyric sounds completely self-deprecating but to hear the song is to know that Frank is celebrating his position on the planet and in the grand scheme of things in a very personally revealing, here's-mud-in-your-eye-because-nothing-really-matters way. Here is the best lyric I've heard in a long time: "If you've got cotton mouth/ My mind is like an ocean/ I'm a jerk/ Makin' jerk/ Soda jerk/ And it's good/ Jerk/ Jerk/ Jerk/ Jerk/ Jerk." Frank Black just got off all by himself. He doesn't need anyone and he thinks it's really funny. So do I. ✿

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Thalia Zedek of Come tears it up. Photo by Val C. Phoenix

The Great Debate

Everything old is new again. That's probably the motto I would use for my trip to London. The debate raging in the music press there concerns women in rock, the operative question being, "Can women rock?" Sadly, every band with a woman in it is being asked about it in such a condescending and hostile way that none of them wants to talk about her gender in any context.

Into this fray comes Riot Grrrl, effortlessly crossing the ocean and landing with all the force of a well-placed knee to the groin. Suddenly, it's *cool* to be a young woman playing in a band. An entire new musical genre is formed. (I actually saw a bin in a record store for "L7/Babes in Toyland/Hole" right next to "Sub Pop.") Now the question is "Are you a Riot Grrrl?" Though no one is quite sure what a Riot Grrrl is.

Male journalists endlessly debate the merits of women in bands. Are they trying to be men? Do they shave their armpits? Do they hate men? Do they play their instruments flawlessly? Then they devote whole pages of their magazines to these new "all-girl bands." One page per issue. It's pretty pathetic.

Given this backdrop, it's not too surprising to see someone snap, though it might be to see it happen on national television. Among the rising new attitude bands is Huggy Bear, a cosexual group of three women and two men with a fierce political agenda and followers called Huggy Nation fomenting what they call "boy-girl revolution." It appears to involve some kind of queer component—one of the boys puts out a zine called *Queercore*, but I never got clear as to whether that was a personal or a fashion statement.

The band made an appearance on a talk show to perform their single, "Her Jazz," and ended up involved in what was later termed a "melee," "takeover" and "riot." Apparently, the show cut to a feature on self-described "bimbos" the Barbi Twins, enraging members of the band and their supporters, who rushed to the stage and began chanting, "Crap! Crap! Crap!" Security goons grabbed them and hustled them out, striking one of the women in the face. The show later accused one of the women of biting a guard.

Why did they rush the stage? "Because I'm bored and pissed off with seeing bimbodom being addressed without any criticism whatsoever on a TV program I like," said one of the "rioters." They call it Girl Power.

COME AS YOU ARE

My first meeting with Come was weird. I stepped into their dressing room and was driven back by a wall of cigarette smoke, through which I vaguely made out vocalist Thalia Zedek. "Come on in," she said, though the band was in an interview. "Eh, no thanks," I said, choking. When I finally did interview the band, Thalia spent the whole interview huddled in a corner, and I could barely get a peep out of her. Later when we spoke alone, however, she was much more at ease, more forthCOMING. OK, that's my only pun.

After stints in hardcore outfits like Uzi and Live Skull, the Boston-based Zedek is now fronting Come, which will be stopping in at the Kennel Club on April 7, headlining a bill that includes Dutch band Bettie Serveert and locals Barbara Manning and SF Seals.

Come's low-tech debut release on Matador, *Eleven: Eleven*, was recorded in 7.5 days. With Zedek on guitar and vocals, joined by alumni from the Bar B Q Killers, Kilkenny Cats, and Codeine, the band churns through extended jam sessions that meander and occasionally stumble, but manage to stay just this side of self-indulgence.

Come has a heavy, plodding sound reminiscent of '70s guitar rock. Indeed, comparisons have been made with the Rolling Stones and other blues-influenced bands, a notion bolstered by the band's cover of the Stones' "I've Got the Blues." Grinding guitars, sputtering, half-screamed vocals and stop-and-start rhythms all collide in a mix of anxiety and aggression.

This is music for the paranoid, reflected in the lyrics, written by Zedek. "Don't trust your friends. Know who to blame," she sings in "Dead Molly." It's hard to dispel the idea that the songs and style reflect her struggle with heroin addiction, particularly when one song is called "Brand New Vein." Zedek would like to downplay the tortured drug addiction angle as much as possible, noting the band writes as a group. (She's clean now anyway.) "We don't really know what the songs are about," says a bandmate helpfully, in a voice that suggests it's better not to ask.

Strongly influenced by Patti Smith, whose *Radio Ethiopia* she greatly admired, Zedek hesitates to claim any lasting influence on her

Huggy Bear, leaning over a table inscribed with a few of their least favorite things.

lyrics. "She was a poet. I don't consider myself a poet," says Zedek. "I think she was more inspired by other art and took a lot of her inspiration from artists and sculptors and rock 'n' roll sort of icons. I don't really write at all about that stuff."

After the show, which Thalia dismisses as one of their worst, we sit down to chat more about her. Zedek's been described as androgynous, ambiguous, and my favorite, "offhandedly butch," and she makes no bones about being a lesbian. In fact, she welcomes inquiries of that kind. "I've been out for a really long time and people hardly ever ask me," she says in wonderment.

Perhaps it's because the music doesn't lend itself to that identification. "My music's not political, but that's OK," she says. "I feel, like, fine with that. I don't think that if you're gay that you should only sing about gay issues, 'cause I think you should sing about whatever you want to, whatever comes naturally."

It may be hard to decipher since the lyrics are often buried behind guitars, but she says she's out in the songs, too. "I mean like I sing love songs, and there's a lot of "she"s in there and stuff like that. Well, I just feel like it's really important for people to not only look at the big picture but also kind of record what's going on in their lives, 'cause I think ultimately that's what it's about, so that's what I do."

Nonetheless, she doesn't feel her gay identity gets its primary expression through music anyway. "I think it's less sort of in my words than in the things that I do, you know, maybe when I'm at home, like participating in things and like playing benefits. The band's done that, and I'm pretty involved in gay stuff, like marches. I've done a few ACT UP things."

She pauses. "And being out with people, you know?" Her voice rises. "It's weird because for a lot of the bands I was in, no one ever asked me and I kind of wanted people to, you know what I mean? Well, I wanted to meet gay people. I didn't want these straight guys—" She waves her hand dismissively.

"I still like meeting gay people like when I'm on tour and stuff. It's really nice. 'Cause you can get so [caught up] in this rock and roll world, and even though there's a lot of gay people that play music, sometimes it doesn't feel that way."

ENDNOTES

Hey, girls, want to lick bush? Well, Faster Pussycat is hosting Burning Bush from Arizona on March 31. This lesbian trio plays funk-tinged rock, including their own composition, "Lick Bush." I rather liked "Just Say No," in which they advise us to "just say no to the men who run the show. They've got muscles in their brains..."

Also, check out Lois, who's in town for two shows. This ex-Olympian singer-songwriter has a great record called *Butterfly Kiss* on K. As on the record, she'll be playing guitar backed up by Molly Neumann of Bratmobile on drums. They're at the Chameleon March 26, with the Spinanes and Tiger Trap and at Gilman March 27, with the Spinanes and Pansy Division. ✿

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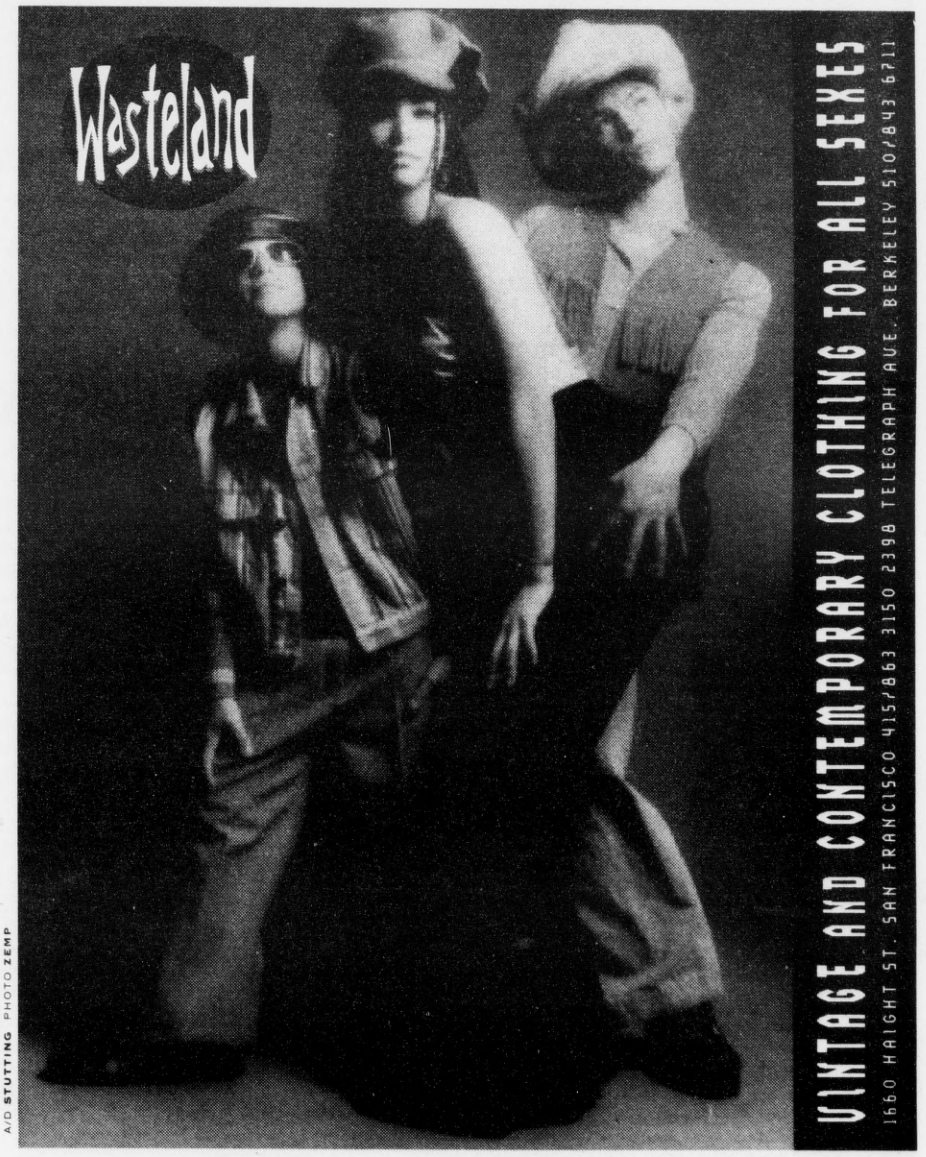
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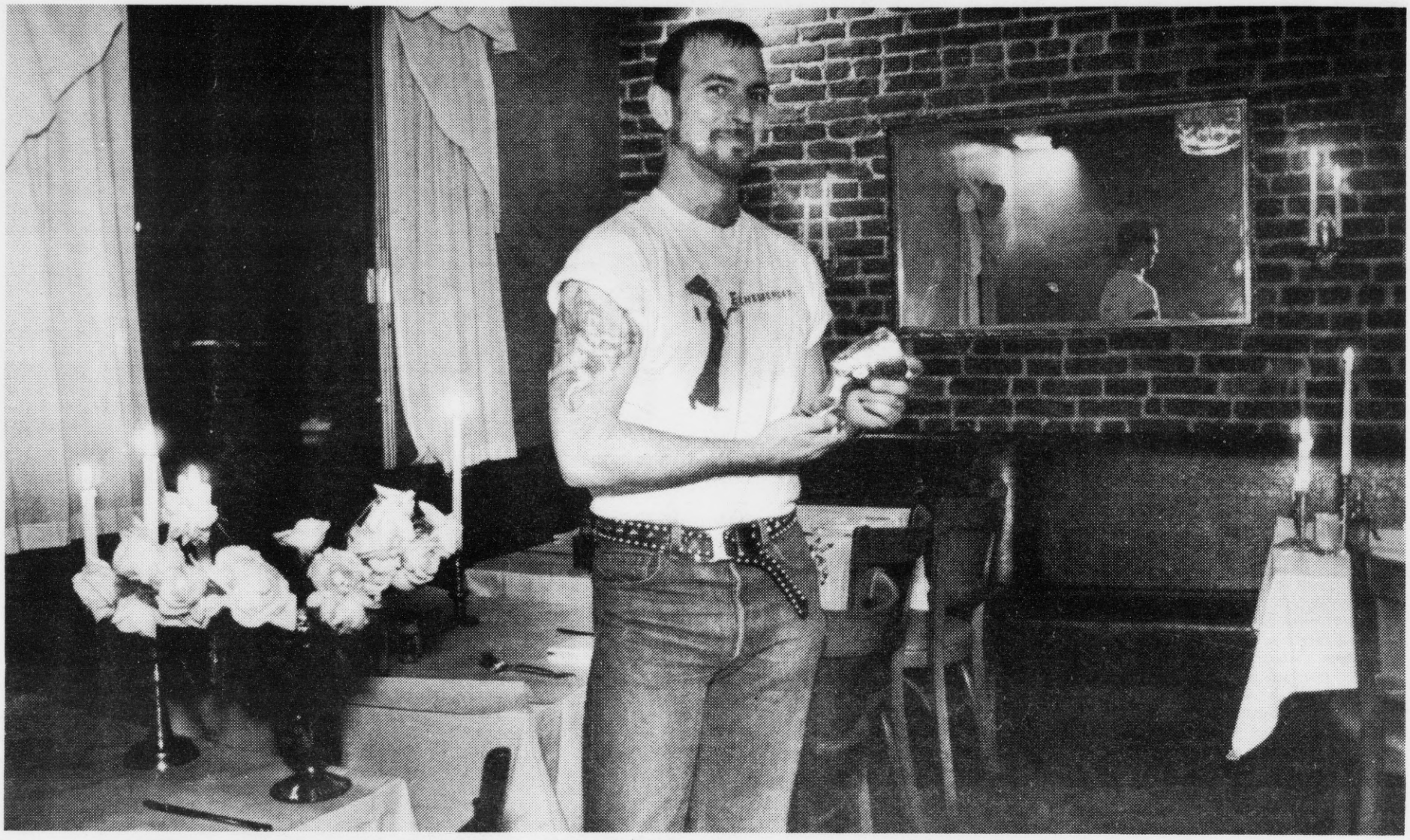

food

BY WILLIAM FINKLE

Filling a Hunger for Eclectic Fare

Named after the late performance artist acquainted with its owners, Eichelberger's cleverly combines a hip, romantic atmosphere with provocative foods. Cornelius Conboy and Denis Gattra formerly owned **Duboce Lunch & Dinner**; now defunct, that site was a charming niche for candlelit suppers in the middle of the city. Having changed locations to a much larger space near Theatre Artaud, the duo hopes to fill a void, meeting San Franciscans' hunger for ever-more eclectic, healthful fare at reasonable prices. For the most part, that goal has been met.

Having known each other ten years, Conboy tells me Gattra has never served him the same meal twice, which speaks as much for Gattra's creativity as for Conboy's enthusiasm.

Fabulous pyramid/tomb-like murals, perhaps recalling Ethyl Eichelberger's role as Nefertiti, greet the diner in the downstairs lounge, designed by Ann Seemen, and original paintings by local artists hang on other walls. The feeling is cozy, intimate and agreeable. The upstairs dining area is even better, with two walls painted sky blue, save for a low border of puffy clouds, two contrasting brick walls, glowing candelabra everywhere and flying carpets made of "batik papyrus" serving as overhead lights. The upstairs design, including the light fixtures and a gorgeous custom-made sideboard, was done by Billy Sproul and Peter MacAnlis.

Lackadaisical service included such informal utterances by our waitron as "good call," "cool," and, when we were ready to order the main course, an invitation for "entree action."

Charming *amuse-gueules* of home-baked bread slices topped with herb oil and roasted cloves of garlic were a welcome, if peppery, treat, wonderful with the fruity extra virgin olive oil at our disposal on the table. A tempting list of appetizers led us to the **Sweet Potato Peanut Soup** ($4.75), a weird blend of sweet and spicy enhanced with dustings of toasted coconut and chopped cilantro. I had expected rich chunks of kernels in the **Corn Cakes** ($4.75), but instead found smooth, cornmeal pancakes topped with a fiery chile cream sauce, sweet crunchy fruit salsa, and a mound of blase smoked halibut. Another corn-based starter, the **Grilled Polenta** ($3.75) consisted of rosemary-tinged polenta squares in a clear wine sauce with a heap of braised leeks and mushrooms. A dish called **Our Famous Miso Eggplant** ($4.95) left me wondering why: Paper-thin slices of eggplant were grilled and doused in an overpowering balsamic-miso-sesame oil dressing—where's the eggplant? These appetizers are a conglomeration of chef Denis Gattra's culinary travels; through Chinese and Mexican kitchens, overseas to stints in Italy and France, Gattra's talent lies in unique flavor combinations and cooking techniques, save one: seasoning. A little more salt here, less pepper there, and knowing when to leave out an ingredient are hints that can make the difference between a good and great dish.

A palate-cleansing salad of cut romaine leaves in a light curry vinaigrette came between courses; what a nice thing to have, a "free" salad at an upscale eatery. But then, we had an incredibly long delay (more than 45 minutes), time enough for three of us to take separate restroom jaunts, each of us expecting our entrees to have arrived upon our return. I only hope the kitchen will have its timing down better in preparation for the kind of business a place like this ought to be doing.

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The **Poached Salmon** ($12.95) brought two superbly cooked filets on a bed of balsamic vinegar-dressed lentils dotted with walnuts; grilled zucchini, asparagus and tomato rounded out the plate with a simple orange sauce adding an interesting sweetness. **Pasta Pollo** ($11.95) was a succulent dish of *penne* tossed with shredded house-smoked chicken, capers and tomatoes, a surprising mix of flavors which worked quite well. An unusual find, the **Home Smoked Tofu and Wild Mushrooms** ($9.75) was a saute of rich tofu, black trumpet and shiitake mushrooms in large chunks, often quite chewy. A mound of saffron-perfumed millet provided another dimension, but what this dish needed was moisture, sauce, acid—something to uplift the dense flavors of smoke and mushroom.

Desserts were more conservative than the other items, probably because they are Conboy's recipes, not Gattra's inspirations. A dismal **Creme Brulee** ($4.95) layered with lots of lemon curd and a little bit of vanilla custard (an interesting concept, needs work) had a thick, burnt sugar crust. The **Cinnamon Ice Cream** ($4.50) tasted as if it had been thawed and re-frozen, resulting in a mealy texture that masked a delicate flavor. A couple of homey biscotti studded with golden raisins, currants and walnuts accompanied the ice cream. My favorite was the hot **Apple Gingerbread Upside Down Cake** ($4.95), a moist and spicy version with plenty of sweetened whipped cream melting down the sides of the rich cake.

Co-owner Cornelius Conboy poses in the restaurant dining area. Photo by Jane Philomen Cleland

Eichelberger's serves a Sunday dim sum-style pasta dinner, with as many as eight different pastas appearing in succession. The diner chooses only the ones s/he cares to taste, for one low price of $9.95. Given the beguiling pastas on the menu, I'd bet it's a winner of a deal.

On the regular nights, some of the preparations walk you out onto a limb, and leave you to decide whether or not you feel safe at that height. I ponder the wisdom of such gumption, but can't help admiring the chef who continually takes such risks.

AROUND TOWN

On Monday, March 22, Chef **Elka Gilmore** hosted a benefit dinner for 50 Bay Area gay women, in support of the *A Room of Our Own* project slated for the Women's Building. Gilmore prepared an elegant four-course meal featuring her renowned Japanese-French seafood dishes, at $500 per person. *A Room of Our Own* will be a dedicated meeting place supporting gay women and lesbian issues.

What a fun place is **Joe's Ice Cream** (5351 Geary Blvd.)! Many flavors of basic, creamy good ice cream, from the subtle to the absurd, are made on the premises and served with love, alongside an old-fashioned sandwich counter. It's open daily from 11 am to 11 pm, and the staff couldn't be nicer. Licking up drips of Rocky Road from the back of my hand, I felt like I was five again. ✿

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BY CHING CHANG

Sanford Dole's Ensemble

The Sanford Dole Ensemble, a fresh new aggregate of performers, unveiled its most recent efforts in a program of music for male chorus and cello at S.F.'s Calvary Presbyterian and at Berkeley's St. John's. Founded by Sanford Dole, the group is actually more of a performing entity rather than an actual ensemble. Though choral repertoire is one of Dole's strongest suits (he is the assistant director of the San Francisco Symphony Chorus, and was also one of the founding members of Chanticleer), and choral music is widely represented in the repertoire choices, the ensemble was conceived from its beginning two years ago as an artistically flexible body, in which, as stated by Dole, the ensemble structure is tailored to fit the needs of the repertoire.

Typically, the ensemble's concerts are ambitiously put together, and consist of seldom-performed works both modern and old (mildly suggestive of the contemporary concern with pre- and post-tonal music such ensembles commonly have), as well as a healthy dosage of new compositions by Dole himself. Last week's concert opened with Joaquin de Prez's motet *O Virgo Virginum*, a prime example of High Renaissance polyphony. This difficult six-part piece can be extremely tricky, as the tonal blend and the definition of the vocal lines are often at odds with each other, and clarity can easily be lost within the busy textures of sound. Dole's singers did a competent and effective job with the score, taking a sincere-sounding and unified approach, despite some single voices sticking out a bit. It was also refreshing to hear an amateur vocal ensemble valiantly employing a full section of male altos.

The next piece on the program was Toru Takemitsu's *Grass*, composed in 1982 on a poem by Shuntaro Tanikawa. Written originally for the Harvard Glee Club, it is again a work which brings out the textural importance of sound. It opens with a meditative, wordless chant which is dissonant, yet absolutely smooth and seamless. It was obvious that Dole took particular care in coaching the ideal colors, nuances and shadings out of his singers.

The featured cellist Emil Miland then played Bach's *Suite No. 1 in G minor*, and after intermission was joined by pianist Dorian Ho to premiere Sanford Dole's *Sonata for Cello and Piano*, in two movements. The *Adagio* which opens the piece is a schmaltzy, very melodic cello line over a pulsating chordal piano accompaniment, evoking a certain melancholic abandonment, with a hint of tango. The roles of the instruments are later reversed, and the movement closes as if a grand-dame was letting you have her last word over an emotionally turbulent episode. Aesthetically pleasing, though not terribly complex musically. The second movement, *Allegro moderato*, a bravura cello part, interplays with a percussive piano, which suddenly gives into a gracious, somewhat expansive middle section, before progressing to a fragmented atonal-sounding section. These highly contrastive sections are put together like a mosaic of styles, coherently incoherent.

The program closed with American composer Elliott Carter's *Emblems*, on poems by Allen Tate. Also written originally for the Harvard Glee Club, my favorite was the second of the three-piece set, where the close four-part harmony writing attains a rich lusciousness which I suspect was performed with a deeper and more mature conviction than it could have received from fresh-faced Harvard boys. The Sanford Dole Ensemble's next concert is scheduled for June 25 and 26. Call (415) 362-7225 for information.

(L-r): Marc Lowenstein. Richard Mix and Bill Neely in Berkeley Opera's "The Lighthouse."

Photo by Jane Scherr

CONTEMPORARY OPERA IN BERKELEY

The ambitious, fledging Berkeley Contemporary Opera will be presenting a double bill of opera this coming week: *Antigona Furiosa*, by Jorge Liderman, and *The Lighthouse*, by Peter Maxwell Davies. Already in its third season, it is surprising to think that a company such as the BCO would exist altogether to support modern opera. But not only that, the company is quickly becoming one of the most significant independent sustained efforts in the Bay Area to produce modern opera. But, as it often happens with such companies (especially in the initial years), the whole enterprise (administratively and artistically) is heavily dependent on volunteer efforts and the labor of love of many self-identified performing sluts; i.e., people who will do anything for a chance to appear in front of the public.

There is nothing wrong with that, of course, but you will often find in such situations a certain unreliability of artistic standards that can affect different aspects of a single production, or the strange constancy of having, for instance, one multi-talented individual doing too much of everything. But everything is unquestionably worth the effort, and the rewards are many, like the wonderful production of Britten's *Death in Venice* last year, which proved—contrary to the big-budget treatment John Adams' *Death of Klinghoffer* received at the SF Opera—once again that a small company can carry off certain works much better artistically.

Premiered last year at the Munich Biennale, Jorge Liderman's opera *Antigona Furiosa* is based on a play by Griselda Gambaro, the leading playwright in Argentina, setting the Greek tragedy in a cafe in Buenos Aires. Written during the darkest era of censorship in Latin America (right before military dictatorships began toppling in the 1980s), Gambaro weaves references to the political events in her country— *los desaparecidos*, for instance—into the plot, a skill which Latin American artists became quite adept at, doing creative work in oppressive regimes. In the play, Antigona's open defiance of the military dictatorship is punished with a living burial.

Antigona will be sung by soprano Claudine Jones, and William Berges and Miguel Gonzales will portray her brothers. Conducted by Simon Andrew, Jorge Liderman's through-composed score asks for the unusual combination of three pianos and three sets of percussion. The opera is directed by Phil Lowery.

Second in the double bill, Peter Maxwell Davies' 1979 opera *The Lighthouse* is a fictional account based on the real-life story of three lighthouse keepers who vanished mysteriously in 1900 from a lighthouse in the Flannan Isles. The plot attempts to reconstruct an alienating scenario of what could have happened to the three men who find themselves isolated from the rest of world, with nothing but time on their hands. Each of the protagonists have hidden skeletons in their closet, which, as time passes, consume them with guilt, terror and hatred. The opera opens with a wordless orchestral inquiry of three officers from the relief ship, and there are hints of secrets and cover-ups no one can be sure of.

Maxwell Davies' score is unusually melodic, its style shifting significantly while making ample use of musical parody. In a piano rehearsal I briefly attended, I was treated to a confessional song that sounded like a sailor's drinking song (sung by Bill Neely's clean, beautiful baritone voice), a parody of Schubert's *Who Is Sylvia*, and something like an ode to an angry God. Ruth Charloff, whose articulate, no-nonsense approach was key to the effectiveness of *Death in Venice*, will conduct a 12-piece chamber orchestra, with singers Marc Lowenstein, Bill Neely and Richard Mix. Steve Hayes-Pollard directs.

Both productions were designed by Waldir Sachs, who, in following the contemporary trend, will make ample use of virtual scenery, i.e., coordinated slide projections onto the set. *Antigona Furiosa* and *The Lighthouse* will play at the Julia Morgan Theater, 2642 College Ave. in Berkeley, March 31 and April 1-4 at 8 pm. Call (510) 845-8542 for info. ✿

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H.M.S. Pinafore

The first operetta the Lamplighters produced in 1952 has also opened the current and 41st season. *H.M.S. Pinafore* is under the direction of an all-woman team: Barbara Heoux directed; Heidi McLean choreographed; and Nina Shuman, making her Lamplighters debut, conducted.

Double cast as usual (Lamplighters singers are all volunteer, and have daytime jobs), the opening night cast featured Lawrence Ewing, whose vocal projection was a little tentative as the lacking-in-sea-legs, somewhat fey Sir Joseph Porter, First Lord of the Admiralty.

While Gilbert and Sullivan layered their first musical hit with satirical stabs at British class structure and naval discipline, their main thrust was a jab at then-Prime Minister Disraeli's appointment of a friend, W.H. Smith, to the Admiralty despite his knowing nothing of naval matters.

Handsome tenor Michael P. Mendelsohn played Ralph Rackstraw, the able seaman in love with Josephine, played by soprano Karen Tesitor. Josephine's father, the career-minded and social-climbing Captain Cocoran (Jonathan S. Spencer) has already promised her hand to Sir Joseph Porter.

"I attach little import to rank," the captain advises his crew of hornpiping sailors in a mock show of democratic largess. But when it comes to common seaman Rackstraw, he is quick to say, "But one must draw the line somewhere." Repulsed by the pompous Porter, dutiful daughter Josephine confesses to her father, "I know he is a great man... he told me so himself."

Villain of the piece is Dick Deadeye, masterfully played with unctuous glee by Rick Williams. Hebe was played by Andrea Pruseau, who made the most of her duties as the leader of St. Joseph's flock of aunts and cousins. Little Buttercup, the Portsmouth Bumboat woman, who announces early on that she knows a secret that will unravel the plot, was played with less comic flair than in previous productions.

Delightfully tuneful, *Pinafore* offers some of G&S's more lilting ensembles and romantic arias. John C. Gilkerson's costumes and Bruce Brisson's sets, colorful holdovers from the 1989 production, were as fresh as a Broadway opening.

H.M.S. Pinafore continues Fridays and Saturdays at 8 pm, Sundays at 2 pm (no performances Easter weekend) through April 25. Call (415) 752-7755.

Arthur Miller's "The Price" at the Marin Theatre Co. Photo by Joseph Greco

The Price

The quest for success, its attainment and subsequent effect upon siblings, parents and wives—The Price One Pays—is a recurring theme in Arthur Miller's dramas.

Set in 1968, *The Price* reveals the misconceptions of two grown brothers who choose to perpetuate their enmity rather than face the truth of their willfully misdirected lives.

Victor (Will Marchetti), a New York cop relegated to airport duty, and his wife Esther (Carla Spindt), await the arrival of a second-hand furniture dealer to estimate the value of an attic stacked high with Victorian furniture. It is the attic where Victor lived and took care of his Depression-ruined father 16 years earlier. Victor has left a message for older brother Walter, a successful and rich doctor, to join them, but not having spoken to him in 16 years, he does not expect a response.

Marchetti and Spindt play their early scenes with all of the defensive nuances of a long-married couple who have learned to communicate with silent looks, shrugs and bits of disguised banter that too quickly turn into spiteful recriminations. Aware that life is passing them by, the desperate and ambitious Esther jabs at Victor with a refrain that only drives him deeper into himself. "I want money," she says, seeing the price of the used furniture as an "open sesame" to a new life.

Furniture dealer Solomon (Robert Elross) arrives, wins over Esther with a compliment on her new suit and begins to poke through the debris—a cracked harp, an oar, an armoire, a too-large dining table—and embarking on an intermittent and comedic litany of autobiographical philosophy. The old man challenges Victor on the value of the table. It's too big to go through a modern apartment door, he says. "If they built *old* hotels I could sell it. But they only build *new* hotels." Disenchanted, Esther goes out for a walk.

Just as Victor and Solomon come to an agreement on price, brother Walter (Robert Parnell) shows up, tanned, polo coated, his very demeanor spelling success. The brothers' awkward reunion cuts short the monetary transaction—Walter suggests a tax write-off—and Solomon retires into the adjoining bedroom as the brothers begin to thrash out their bitter alienation. Victor's festering jealousy pours out as he reminds Walter that he gave up his own chance for a career in science to take care of their father while Walter renounced them to pursue his career in medicine.

Marchetti and Spindt are beautifully matched as the financially strapped, bickering, but still caring couple who have long ago lost the ability to talk to each other. Unconsciously patronizing as he exudes bedside charm, silver-haired Parnell's Walter can touch us with a sympathetic nerve even as he pushes Marchetti's Victor to the wall. But it is Elross as Solomon who turns Jewish shtick into a remarkably poignant performance that takes an actor's craft beyond technique into reality. He is superb.

The Price continues at Marin Theatre Company, Mill Valley, Tuesdays through Sundays, through April 4. Call (415) 388-5208.

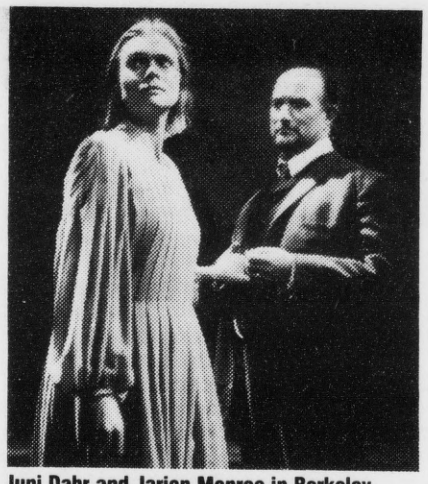
The Lady From The Sea

The Lady From the Sea opens to the sounds of lapping surf and the fluted cries of dawn birds. To the rear wall, jagged cliffs frame a bleak fjord, and in the foreground, rising out of fog and mist, an almost unearthly Ellida steps ashore from her morning swim.

Norwegian actress Juni Dahr is a presence. Her resonant voice, the use of her hands, the lift of her head, a look that sees far into the distance, reminded me time and again of Ingrid Bergman. Dahr is the Lady From the Sea, transported inland from her coastal home as Dr. Wangel's second wife and mother to his two grown daughters.

Anxiety-ridden, withdrawing more and more into herself and away from her husband, she is haunted by dreams of an earlier lover, a sailor with whom she exchanged rings and vows of commitment. Although she was told he had drowned long ago, she has begun to feel his presence. Fearful of his "terrible" power, she has relinquished her household duties to Bolette (Lisa Bruneau), the older stepdaughter, and scarcely takes notice of Hilde (Abigail Rose Solomon), the younger daughter who both needs and rejects her.

Wangel (Jarion Monroe), concerned for her



Juni Dahr and Jarion Monroe in Berkeley Rep's "The Lady From the Sea." Photo by Ken Friedman

mental well-being, invites Professor Arnholm (James Carpenter) for a visit, under the mistaken impression that he is the one from the past responsible for Ellida's distraction. Unaware of the misconception, Arnholm sets about courting Bolette. In a comedic scene of further misunderstanding, Arnholm offers Bolette the financial means of escaping her cloistered life. She is ecstatic until she realizes the offer entails marriage.

A second visitor to the household is a patient of the doctor, a consumptive young man unaware that he is dying. Impossibly fatuous, Lyngstrand (Rod Gnapp) prattles on—to everyone's impatient indulgence—about art and becoming a famous sculptor and the importance of having a woman to serve as his muse. He sets his sights on Bolette and exacts a promise from her to think about him when he is away in the south.

As the stolid, protective Wangel, Monroe is the perfect counterbalance to the ethereal Ellida's sensing of a force beyond her control. Lyngstrand's insensitive chatter about a foreign ship in the harbor and a mysterious stranger coming to claim his lover confirms her fears. Because she has no will of her own—no "free will"—she knows she will be unable to resist her sailor when he returns.

When the stranger (Victor Talmadge) makes his appearance, he refuses to acknowledge Ellida's marriage to Wangel and insists that their earlier vows take precedence. But without a free will of her own, she tells Wangel, she is powerless to choose.

At two hours and 45 minutes this translation by Gerry Bamman and Irene B. Berman is both fascinating and tedious. The language is contemporary, the characterizations well-drawn, but after two or three go-arounds on the subject of a woman's need and right to exercise her free will

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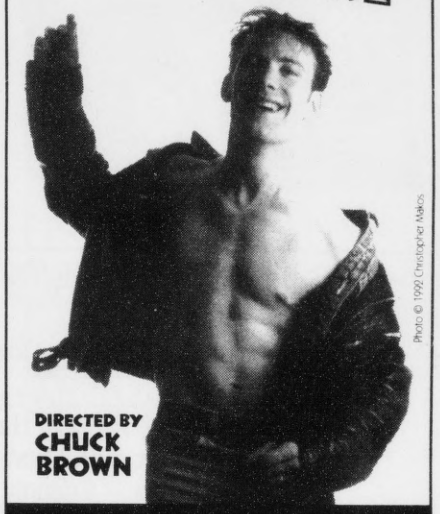

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in charting her own course, it's just repetitive rhetoric.

Kate Edmunds designed the moody set with its wading pond; Pete Maradudin did the lighting; Deborah M. Dryden designed the costumes; and the music and sound were by Chris Poole (flute) and Stephen LeGrand. Sharon Ott directed. A handsome production of a script overly burdened with an 1888 message.

The Lady From the Sea plays Tuesdays through Sundays, through April 30 at the Berkeley Repertory Theatre. Call (510) 845-4700.

David Rabe's "Goose and Tom Tom": The surprises never stop. Photo by Alice G. Patterson

Goose and Tom-Tom

Reviewed by Tom W. Kelly

One can't help but wonder, while calmly sitting through *Goose and Tom-Tom* by David Rabe at the Phoenix Theatre, "What the hell is going on?!!!" The surprises never stop as the compulsive/convulsive title characters race about, plotting and worrying themselves into a collective stupor. Amazingly, not as much fun as it might sound. Never grounded enough in any form of reality, the audience flounders through the experience, desperately waiting for the script to cast a life-line in the form of a coherent message. It never arrives.

New York playwright David Rabe (author of *In the Boom Boom Room*, *Streamers* and *Hurlyburly*) has managed to chew up, digest and spit out bits of fairy tales, fables, gangster stories and more. *Goose and Tom-Tom* is a psychiatrist's dream (or nightmare), fraught with paranoia, violence and sexuality. From the first spoken line, "This is a fairy tale as seen through one man's eyes," things get steadily stranger. Who's the one man? Playwright Rabe?

Plot? That's a tough call. Goose and Tom-Tom seem to be criminals afraid of a gangster named Bingo. They fret about imminent violence, their dreams and the mystery of their forgotten identities. Enter Lorraine, a ball-busting mega-bitch who's successfully p-whipped these two "tough guys." She's an ever-demanding, carnivorous, voracious fuck machine representing, I suppose, man's darkest fears about women. Lorraine finds in her closet a blindfolded woman in white who refers to herself as a lost princess. Eventually a group of insectoid aliens enter and do a dance, followed by some words of wisdom by the lead insect. O-o-okay.

Looks like bad drugs. The characters achieve heights (or depths) of delusional paranoia, obsession, fixation and hysteria. Goose becomes convinced that he used to be a frog. He even hops around stage a bit.

To director Shelton's credit, she keeps the show moving swiftly, wrings laughs through the (un)reality of the moments, and makes the most of a difficult and inaccessible script. The actors do their best, working together in a strong ensemble. This must be the brassiest role Linda Ayres-Frederick (as Lorraine) has ever performed. She struts about in an eye-popping assemblage of colorful and scandalous scanties, never wearing the same wig or accoutrement twice.

Great set!!! Steve Coleman once again creates a visual extravaganza. Suggesting a seedy basement in a mythical underworld, muted colors abound in a proliferation of bits of cloth and wooden frameworks of geometric shapes. Runes and assorted other symbols abound, creating a set both mysterious and beautiful.

Rabe must know what he had in mind with *Goose and Tom-Tom* but he didn't give the audience enough clues to figure it out.

WARNING: Depictions of and dialogue concerning women tend toward misogyny and will prove offensive to some viewers.

Goose and Tom-Tom at the Phoenix Theatre until April 18. $10-14. (415) 621-4423. ✿

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NGW: We Couldn't Say Goodbye

Julie Nichols, Sheilah Glover and Willow Wray had been performing together for 15 years and, as Julie mentioned during their current gig at the Coconut Room, they *still* like each other. Terrific voices—singly or in trio—a laid-back presentation, great looks, an irrepressible, self-deprecating sense of humor, and the ability to put together some remarkable harmonies have earned them a well-deserved reputation. They're *still* the best.

Out of sight and sound for the past couple of years, they've been on sabbatical. Julie completed her master's in music, Sheila composed original music for two CDs, and Willow lent her vocals to a series of commercials.

"We Couldn't Say Goodbye," which presumably will be the basis for a new CD planned for the fall, is the title of their new show, a melange of original material, familiar ballads and medleys

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Julie soloed on a bluesy "Never Make Your Move Too Soon," Willa laid an impeccable Connie Francis on us with "Where the Boys Are," and Sheila roamed the ringside tables with her French chanteuse version of "These Foolish Things." Julie took the lead on "Stardust," Willa sang "Hollywood Motel," her own moving tribute to Janis Joplin, and Sheila sang a new original, "Footsteps." The Boswells and McGuires slipped in again for brief appearances and NGW encored with "When You Wish Upon a Star." I'd have liked a reprise of a couple of songs from their first album, namely Willa's "Mendocino Rose" and Sheila's witty "Three Old Ladies."

John Turner, their accompanist from way back when, was with them again at the piano.

On the downside, I felt the evening lacked the musical momentum of an NGW show. If memory serves, the group usually charges straight through a set, pausing only for brief introductions. Last Sunday, however, the lights faded to blackout between numbers, bringing the show to unsettling halts. Too-moody lighting and those flickering fadeouts cast a slight pall over NGW's vibrant personalities.

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Meg and Billy

Husband and wife team Billy Philadelphia and Meg Mackay made one of their rare local appearances (as a duo, that is) at

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the Plush Room this past weekend.

They opened with the Koehler-Arlen upbeat advice, "Get Yourself a New Broom," and then Meg, glitzy in a sapphire tunic that matched her eyes, lent her rich, warm voice to a torchy number she sang in *Stardust,* "A Little Bit Older." She turned Bachrach's "Anyone Who Had a Heart" into an angry, dramatic indictment of unrequited love.

"Chattanooga Choo Choo" swung into a relaxed mood as both singers rode the lyrics and Billy took a knockout solo on some barrelhouse boogie. Meg introduced local songwriter Sheldon Smith's "From Here to There," a nice tune but with some lyric phrasing that didn't quite gel. Dave Frishberg's "Blizzard of Lies" allowed the singers to alternate on some clever pairing of cliche phrases. It was, as it always is, a crowd-pleaser. Meg's "Sophisticated Lady" opened in a moody and reflective vein, then lost some of its elegance, to my way of thinking, when the singer pushed too hard on the volume, sacrificing her power over content and phrasing.

"Making Love Alone," unattributed on the song list, featured an outrageous lyric recitation of the simple joys of masturbation over the messy and too-often-unsatisfactory experience of shared sex. I loved Meg's opening verses to Sondheim's "Being Alive," but again she tended to sacrifice sentiment for the big ending.

Billy introduced an original number (written with Jimmy Lyons), "At the Piano Bar," about those all-too-familiar hangers-on who are all too willing to sing along, any key, any part. Billy also soloed on a number, the likes of which helped kill burlesque, called "Big Ten Inch." I'll pass on that one.

Meg reprised her "Lieder" number from *And What, Give Up Show Biz?* and while this rendition has gotten considerably broader, it's still wildly funny. "Two Sleepy People" was sweetly sung by the twosome, a nice balance to Meg's big torchers. Their show might well include a few more numbers in this romantic vein.

My favorite of the evening was Meg's gorgeous, dramatic rendition of "Someone Else's Story" from *Chess.* Almost never sung outside the show, it's a fine song and this singer does it full justice.

Weslia Whitfield And Schola Cantorum

Not exactly cabaret, but a fine program of pop music nevertheless, the 125 voices of Schola Cantorum and Weslia Whitfield sang an aptly titled, "The Great American Song" on a recent Saturday afternoon at the Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts. Now in its 29th year, this local choral group, under the direction of Gregory A. Wait, sang five sets that included the music of Stephen Foster (including an exquisite solo by Mark Adams on "Beautiful Dreamer"), a *Show Boat* medley and the Broadway and movie songs of Irving Berlin (Kirby Shaw's fabulous arrangement of "Puttin' on the Ritz"), Jerome Kern, Vernon Duke and Richard Rodgers. The group also sang a "Rhapsody in Rhythm" that included "Fascinating Rhythm," "Crazy Rhythm" and "I Got Rhythm."

Weslia Whitfield fronted the 125-voice Schola Cantorum in a delightful evening of pop music at the Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts.

It was particularly moving to note that each of the formally dressed Cantorum singers wore the AIDS awareness ribbon.

Whitfield's three sets, featuring Mike Greensill on piano, Dean Reilly on bass, and Tom Duckworth on drums, opened with a Gershwin medley. Glittery in a selection of sequined tops ("the better to dazzle you with"), Whitfield was perfectly at home fronting the 125-voice backup group, and she's never sounded better. A sheer delight on the title tune from *Guys and Dolls,* her "Something to Remember You By," was a rueful gem (as was Greensill's playing). She sang "For All We Know," layering it with an aching tenderness. (It's the first pop song she ever sang, she confided, having discovered it in her mother's piano bench while practicing her scales.) "Once in a While," "That Old Feeling" and "A Kiss to Build a Dream On" were accorded the big romantic treatment before she cut loose with the Liza Doolittle romp, "Show Me," and her own joyous rendition of "I'm In Love With a Wonderful Guy."

Her last encore was the fragile and lovely "Lost in the Stars," a lyric sentiment that suits her to a T.

If you're going to be in the neighborhood of the Algonquin Hotel (Manhattan, that is) from March 30 through April 24, drop into the Oak Room. Whitfield and Greensill will be making their belated debut at this cabaret landmark Tuesdays through Saturdays. Michael Feinstein will play opening night host. ✿

film

"The Little Review" founder Margaret Anderson, the subject of Wendy L. Weinberg's Oscar-nominated film.

"Beyond Imagining" Up for Academy Award

by Katherine Gleason

This year three films with queer themes have been nominated for Academy Awards. The much-vaunted *Changing Our Minds: The Story of Dr. Evelyn Hooker* is up for an Oscar in the Feature Length Documentary category, while *The Lady in Waiting,* a short about transvestites by student producer Christian M. Taylor, has been nominated for Live Action Short. *Beyond Imagining—Margaret Anderson and the Little Review* is under consideration for the Documentary Short Subject prize.

Beyond Imagining, a first film by recent Temple University MFA Wendy L. Weinberg, recounts, in 30 minutes, the life and loves of Margaret C. Anderson, a flamboyant and artistic midwestern lesbian. In 1914, Anderson moved to Chicago, where she founded one of the most influential literary journals of her day.

Anderson and her co-editor Jane Heap, whom she lived with after 1916, introduced writers such as Gertrude Stein, Djuna Barnes, Ezra Pound and Emma Goldman to the American public. Together, after moving the *Little Review* to New York's Greenwich Village, to a site on Eighth Street now occupied by a shoe and boot boutique, Anderson and Heap went on trial, charged with obscenity, for serializing James Joyce's novel *Ulysses.*

Described by *Library Journal* as "beautifully photographed," *Beyond Imagining* features archival stills and present-day footage of the places Anderson frequented. The sensuous voice-over narration, compiled by Weinberg and Patricia L. Garske from texts written by Anderson, comes from the mouth of Marcia E. Saunders, whose tone evokes the elegance, arrogance and grandeur that Anderson embodied.

Of the 28 titles submitted to the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences in the Documentary Short Subject category, five films have been nominated for awards. Besides *Beyond Imagining,* they are: *At the Edge of Conquest: The Journey of Chief Wai-Wai, The Colours of My Father: A Portrait of Sam Borenstein, Educating Peter* and *When Abortion Was Illegal: Untold Stories.* Weinberg's film is the only student film nominated in this category and is one of just two student films nominated in all categories this year. In addition, *Beyond Imagining* is the only film about a lesbian that is up for an award.

"It is tremendous that the Academy has chosen to acknowledge a film about a lesbian," said Debra Zimmerman, executive director of Women Make Movies, the film's distributor. *Beyond Imagining,* which won a gold medal at the Student Academy Awards in June, has been aired on public television in this country and in Ireland, Australia, Holland and Japan. In addition, it has been included in film festivals in Michigan and Hawaii and won an honorable mention at the American Film and Video Festival. For the most part, though, Weinberg's work has been passed over by gay and lesbian film festivals, screening only at the Amsterdam and Chicago Lesbian and Gay Film Festivals.

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festivals," said Weinberg in a telephone interview from her current home in Ohio. "The films in the gay festivals tend to be highly experimental or personal and mine is fairly traditional... It's a traditional portrait, which seems to work, but not specifically for gay and lesbian festivals."

However, according to Jenni Olson, co-director of the San Francisco International Lesbian and Gay Film Festival, the reason *Beyond Imagining* wasn't included in her festival was because it "fell through the cracks." Although the film has a 1991 date, Olson didn't find out about it until last year. By that time, Weinberg's work already had been picked up by distributor Women Make Movies. Thus the film carried too high a rental price tag for the ever-tightly budgeted festival. "I really want to show it," Olson concluded on the phone from her office in San Francisco, where she is working out programming for 1993. "So, you may see it in this year's festival."

Some in the community have faulted Weinberg's documentary for not being queer enough. "Part of me wanted to make the film more out there, but I wanted to stay with the story," Weinberg said. She feels that it is important to treat one's subject in historical context. While Anderson was quite out, our standards of outness simply don't apply to Anderson's very different historical period. And the film does get queerer as it goes on.

It is not until ten minutes after the beginning of the film that the viewer is introduced to the very butch Jane Heap, Anderson's co-editor and companion of many years. According to Weinberg, this passage of time allows straight audiences to settle in and get comfortable before they have to deal with Anderson's lesbianism. Later in the film, the introduction of Georgette Leblanc, a singer and Anderson's lover, is painted in much clearer strokes. "Georgette had a marvelous mystic face," the narrator intones Anderson's words. "It was the land I had been seeking. We cannot have met by chance, Georgette and I, since we knew at once that we were to join hands and advance through life together." They were together 21 years until Georgette's death from cancer in 1941.

Despite any minor quibbles, lesbian audiences have reacted positively to the film. Women have even approached Weinberg after screenings to thank her for making a film they could understand. "I think that films need to be accessible. I don't want to be esoteric. I don't want to be the only one to understand my work," Weinberg said. But, by the same token, Weinberg does have leanings toward the avant-garde. Her next project, she says, "may be something more experimental." Her *Beyond Imagining* was the fulfillment of a longtime quest.

Weinberg first became aware of Anderson in 1973 when, as a somewhat out teenager in Chicago, she read Anderson's obituary. Weinberg started looking for information about the fascinating, pioneering lesbian, but didn't find any.

Years later, after Weinberg had moved to Philadelphia, she found a book about Anderson at the gay and lesbian bookstore Giovanni's Room. Initially, she thought the project would be too difficult to research, but after enlisting the aid of Pat Garske, described by Weinberg as "the co-everything on this film," the two struck gold. Garske, who lives in Philadelphia and is primarily an illustrator, described going through "rolls and rolls of microfilm" while researching the project. But the research was exciting. "She (Anderson) was an incredible woman in the sense of being out in that time period," Garske said in a telephone interview.

Together, Weinberg and Garske will attend the Academy Awards ceremony, which will be held March 29. Weinberg plans to wear a dress, while Garske will be outfitted "on the tux-oriented side."

Garske summed up her attitude to the attention the film has received: "For Wendy's part she finished up her degree. In terms of the rest of the stuff that's happened, it's been totally unexpected." So, for Weinberg and Garske the film has succeeded beyond their expectations; perhaps, to use Margaret Anderson's words, it has succeeded "even beyond imagining." ✿

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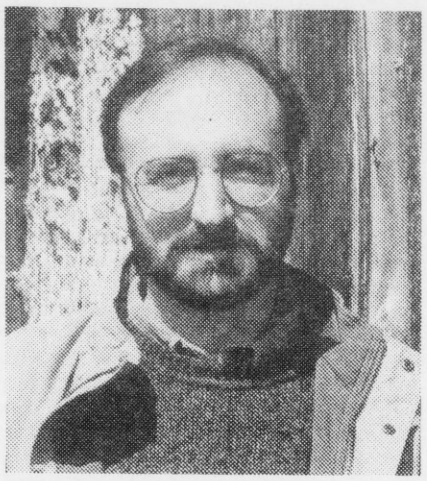

Henderson on Home and Homophobia

An Interview With William Haywood Henderson

by Tom W. Kelly

"Run away! Hide!" So advises William Haywood Henderson, author of *Native*, regarding gay people living in controversial Colorado following recent infamous legislation. The successful passage of homophobic Amendment 2 on Nov. 3, 1992, repealed existing anti-discrimination laws that protected gays. As people across the country try to understand the "Yes on 2" mentality, Henderson's characters are based on actual family friends and acquaintances from the the "modern" Midwest where he grew up. He knows what and whom he's writing about.

Both timely and skillfully penned, his tales of today's "cowboys and Indians" are readily being bought by prestigious publishing houses. "Myth" appears in the highly acclaimed *Men on Men 3* (Plume) anthology of gay experience, and an excerpt from the opening of *Native* is part of the *Faber Book of Gay Short Fiction* edited by Edmund White. Also, a nonfiction essay titled "Sister" (about a trip to Europe with his sister) is included in *A Member of the Family: Gay Men Write About Their Families* (Dutton). The creative voice of this 34-year-old author resounds.

Shortly before the vote on Amendment 2, Henderson picked up the *Rocky Mountain News*, the local Denver newspaper, and was stunned to see a recent interview he gave appearing on the front page, accompanied by a half-page photo! As a teacher of creative writing at the University of Colorado at Denver, he suddenly had roomfuls of students aware of his now not-so-private private life. "But after passage of the amendment, several students expressed their disgust and surprise that it could pass. That felt good." Of course, if the university decides to summarily fire Henderson, he now has no legal recourse thanks to Amendment 2.

Henderson adds that "if any other minority had been inserted in that amendment, people would have been shocked!" Though not the victim of any violence since the amendment's passage, he feels shocked, betrayed by the state where he spent his childhood. "I moved back (to Denver) and felt I'd come full circle," Henderson clarifies. "I'd left Colorado to be openly gay, and then I returned, got a job at the University of Colorado where the chairman of my department knows I'm gay, and now this. I look at people on the street and I wonder, 'Who voted for this?' "

Growing up with a father who specialized in marketing, Henderson moved all over the United States, to both East and West Coasts and points in between. But once his parents had lived in Colorado and Wyoming, "They were bitten. They bought a home in Wyoming to have a base to return to." Though Mom and Dad continued their mobile lifestyle, young Bill Henderson opted to stay in Denver to complete high school. Traveling afterward, and spending several years in California and on the East Coast working and attending school, the prodigal son finally returned home to Denver.

Growing up gay in Colorado provided *Native*'s soul. Yet despite the profusion of violent fight scenes in his newly released novel, author Henderson is surprisingly soft-spoken. He denies ever having been a cowboy, but does admit to some horseback riding. "I spent last winter in Wyoming at my older brother's place in Jackson Hole. The Ramshorn Mountain mentioned in *Native* was in full view. I know the land I write about."

So just how much of Henderson is revealed by this modern-day western? "*Native* is by no means autobiographical. Everyone asks me that. Only in the basest sense is this my story. From the emotions of dealing with my sexuality. Coming out. Will I lose my friends? My home? My community?"

Henderson's message to gay youth living in the rural United States? Drastically revising his initial response, he replies thoughtfully, "Be out to everyone you feel comfortable with. Studies have proven that people who actually know gays are less likely to be homophobic. You're a person. If at all possible... keep your home."

Native
By William Haywood Henderson
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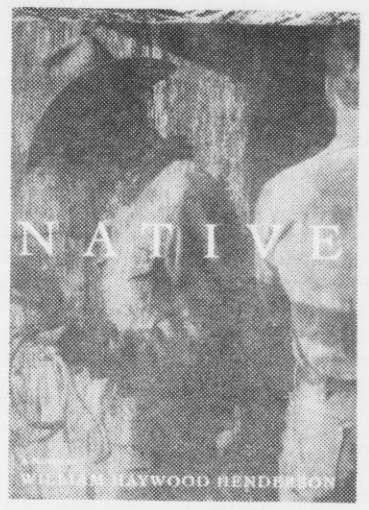

Reviewed by Tom W. Kelly

William Haywood Henderson's new novel *Native* richly weaves the tale of a young gay cowboy, Blue, into a sumptuous background of gritty earthtones. Set in today's "wild West," in the redneck, rural state of Wyoming, in the town of Dubois (pronounced due-boys), issues of gay rights and pride in the midst of ignorance and blatant homophobia are particularly timely. Colorado has fallen; which state is next? Perhaps the multi-layered, psychologically complex characterizations supply some insights into the mentality that could vote for and pass Colorado's infamous Amendment 2,

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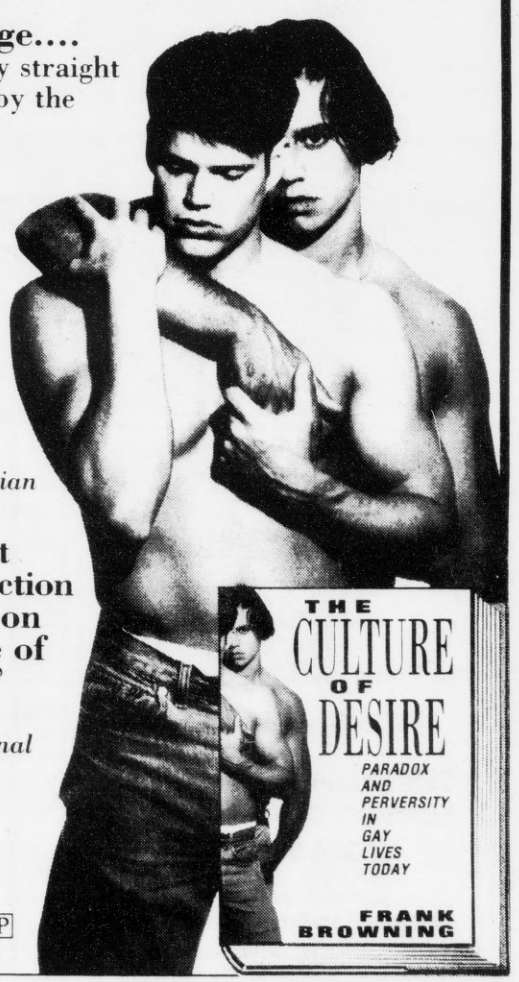

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Avoiding simple linear storytelling, the plot unfolds via methodic jumps through time and space. An urgency results when narrative tension builds to the edge of an explosive climax—but then time leaps forward an hour or a day. Then the narrator looks back and recounts the explosion through his subjective recollections. Though frustrating for the reader at first, the style quickly becomes an effective device.

Native counterpoints rough-hewn, small-minded country men and women with detailed, poetic descriptions of spectacular landscapes untouched (aka unspoiled) by human hands. Dirt and blood and mud comprise essential elements of this world behind the long-gone Marlboro-man mythology.

> Light mist drifted over the river, cut among the boulders. Black and intent, a dipper disappeared into a surge of water, emerged miraculously a minute later a few yards upriver, climbed onto a log, and straightened his oiled feathers with his beak. The marshy scent lingered, had soaked into my clothing, but as long shafts of sunlight entered the canyon, the air seemed to clear slightly.

Native details the abrupt disruption of Blue's life when his "friends" suspect he might be gay. Stopping briefly at the local dance bar, Blue reacts with curiosity to an overtly effeminate Native American named Gilbert. Creating an immediate public spectacle and scandal, Gilbert draws Sam (Blue's friend and ranchhand) into a dance. When a homophobic attack follows, Blue's loyalties become evident. What ensues next are scenes of violence, dislocation, isolation and soul searching.

Avoiding cliches, Blue does *not* go to San Francisco or any other gay mecca. Not even Denver. He stays in the country of his birth and fights it out. Unfortunately, the ending is maddeningly ambiguous.

Despite all, what remains most important to Blue is maintaining his identity and his home. He initially downplays the night's violence by assuring himself that "bad things happen, and then you work at setting things right." He ultimately learns that life is not that simple. The seeming impossibility of returning to his previous life unchanged almost destroys him and the men closest to him.

Of particular interest to many readers is mention of the Native American "berdache." Gilbert explains the significance and responsibilities of this traditional figure:

> A man would take this berdache as a wife as if it were something special, a real honor, a real thrill in the crotch....They were magic, the center of ceremonies, making rain, healing, spiritual power....You light a fire and put this guy in the center of a circle and you bring out the warriors, start the drums, young warriors, and they start dancing around the berdache, and they screw the berdache to make the magic.

Interactions between Blue, Sam and Gilbert, in spite of themselves, are surprisingly romantic in an ultra-manly kind of way. But there are no hot and steamy man-on-man sex scenes. Rather, the homosexual male bonding that does exist is more of a macho, extended prelude to a kiss.

Rich descriptions of the landscape of the human condition—its peaks and valleys—comprise *Native*, a simple story overall, told with unparalleled elegance and style. More than just a nature story. More than just a "coming out" story. And more than just a finely detailed travelogue of today's wild West. An incredible first novel by what promises to be a major voice in American literature. Keep an eye out for William Haywood Henderson.

The Persistent Desire: A Femme-Butch Reader

Edited by Joan Nestle
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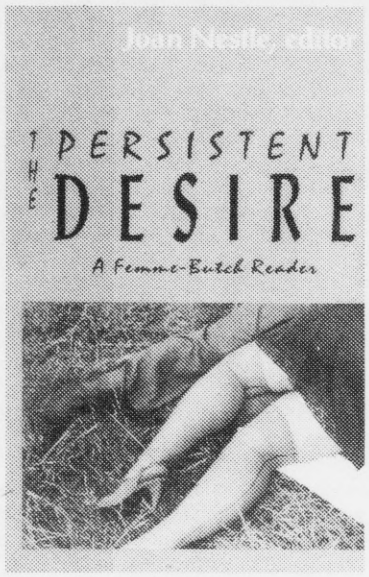


Reviewed by Randy Turoff

The Persistent Desire is much broader and covers more territory than its subtitle suggests. Since attitudes of butch and femme are examined through a variety of contexts in the perpetually changing world of lesbiana, the book touches upon all sorts of permutations of lesbian erotic desire. Stone butches, femme wives, butchy femmes, butch bottoms, tomboys, lipstick lesbians, gay-identified female gender-benders, switch hitters, and lesbian drag artistes, sing their songs of desire and tell their stories of love, conquest, pain and pleasure.

The categories of femme and butch are not unidimensionally stultified by stereotypic definitions. For Nestle, as for most of the contributors to this anthology, butch-femme is a movable feast, a dance rather than a polarization. It's not as rigid as the male/female dichotomy and it's not as simple as masculine-feminine. Since nobody in the equation is actually a man, the variations and complications of erotic play between women occur all within the contextual spiral of female desire and feminine pleasure. As butch as a partner may be, she is a lesbian. As feminine as a woman might act or as straight as she might look, she's a woman who desires and acts upon her desires for other women; she too is a lesbian.

These mirrored and complementary visions of sameness, these spaces which reflect woman-to-woman sexual desire, show us variations of a strictly female same-sex eroticism. In the field of lesbian femme-butch interplay, there may be many different fantasies and sexual styles, including male drag; but a butch is never a man, she's a woman. Even if two butches get together in a scene where they're both playing at being fags, they're still two women, and it's still same-sex homoeroticism.

Perspectives of class, ethnicity, time in history and all kinds of political contingencies influence lesbian erotic styles and mating habits. Our views about our own communities and how we see ourselves is also informed by, although different from, the heterosexual and gay male models with which we interact. Lesbians have always had to deconstruct male-dominated paradigms in order to reconstruct their own herstory based on female-to-female patterns of desire. Exploring the femme-butch continuum is one way to approach lesbian attitudes toward sexual couplings through a documented history. Joan Nestle of the Lesbian Herstory Archives takes us on just such a journey.

Nestle opens with writings by Radclyffe Hall, moves through Greenwich Village drag artistes of the '40s, and includes many first-person narratives of the oppressive '50s from bar dykes speaking of the trials, tribulations, passions and fears associated with being a lesbian before Stonewall. Women speak of how radical lesbian feminist sexual theory and practice affected them and their lifestyles in the '70s. *The Persistent Desire* also includes writings about the new styles and lesbian gender experimentation of the past decade.

All of this information is conveyed in a lively collection of works by a number of different authors. Some of the narratives were originally recorded on tape and then transcribed, and others were written as historical essays about how it was then. Many of the reflections are of recent vintage. Hot stories and erotic poetry celebrate the persistent desire of women for women through the ages. The femme-butch perspective often acts as a springboard, encouraging the writers to go deep into their thoughts about why they are lesbians and what they like to do sexually with other women. The butch-femme axis cuts through the spiral and allows all of these different women from different times to coalesce around a shared theme of sexual attraction between different sexual personae within the same gender.

We learn interesting things like how to comb a perfect DA, how to flip a butch, how femmes took care of their butches who were bruised by the world which hated their "outness," and we learn about what bulldaggers would do and not do in bed. We hear from femme lovers of studs with names like Blackie or Blue, and about how much these butch women meant to the femmes in their lives. We hear battle stories, bar stories, stories of political organizing, keynote discussions from conferences, stories about parties, worship and service, gender stigma and dysfunction, and the reclamation of the once-abhorrent and now politically useful concept of "queerness."

Even if you don't identify as butch or femme, and even if you feel that trying to figure out what butch and femme are or trying to place yourself or your lovers on the sociological B-F scale, is just a big mind-fuck, I think you'll still enjoy reading Nestle's book. It's a good book about love and sex. *The Persistent Desire* consists of a nice range of voices, including Audre Lorde, Pat Califia, Jewelle Gomez, Amber Hollibaugh, Cherrie Moraga, Lee Lynch, Elly Bulkin and dozens of other lesbians, some well-known as writers, educators or activists, and others lifted from the streets, bars and oral histories of our collective past.

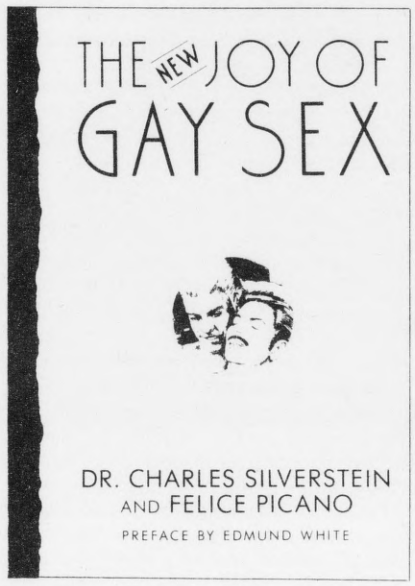
The last essay of the book, by Gayle Rubin of the San Francisco Lesbian and Gay History Project, is a fascinating and timely analysis of lesbian gender roles and community boundaries today. She takes a wide span of butch styles and cultural codes into account, updating the Beebo Brinker prototype. With fearlessness she delves into the raging controversy over transsexuals and their place within and outside of contemporary lesbian culture. Her words are worth contemplating:

"Our categories are important. We cannot organize a social life, a political movement, or our individual identities and desires without them. The fact that categories invariably leak and can never contain all the relevant 'existing things' does not render them useless, only limited.... We use them and they use us."

One of Joan Nestle's stated goals was to be able to provide a public forum for the purpose of allowing us to engage in a gender dialogue within our own gender. *The Persistent Desire* is just such a successful venture which opens up possibilities while laying the groundwork for further and future discussions.

The (New) Joy of Gay Sex

By Dr. Charles Silverstein and Felice Picano
Harper Collins, 1992, $30



Reviewed by Jack Fertig

The (New) Joy of Gay Sex is a wonderful gift for the newly out or a handy reference for any professional dealing with the newly out. Actually, it brings in a range of subjects (Fisting, S/M, Piercing, Racism, Types, Mixed HIV Couples, Domestic Violence) that will appeal to the more experienced, but explorative or curious. As you see here, the range of topics goes way beyond "mere" sexual techniques and even contains thimble histories under such headings as "Gay Liberation" and "Gay Politics." There are sections addressing problems, such as "Suicide" and "Loneliness." The varieties of experience described here may lead the casual observer to think that piercing, fisting, and other exotic erotics are common gay experiences, but the careful reader will see otherwise. Indeed these subjects merit discussion.

The book is clearly written for neophytes. The illustrations and text are both aimed at the young and the inexperienced. I found the sections on fisting and piercing to be overly cautious, but then anybody who needs to look these subjects up in a general reference book should indeed be cautious. For the most part, *Joy* is a delicious blend of plain common sense, wisdom of experience and pertinent anecdotes.

As one might expect from Felice Picano, the book is highly legible. Although "Sex With Animals" offers little practical support on the subject, it is deliciously written, including various historical references and a quote from Frederick the Great. Such inclusions throughout provide leads for further reading under many of the topics opened up here.

The illustrations are, well... rather charming. Color plates at the beginning of the main text show romantic young couples of all races and various

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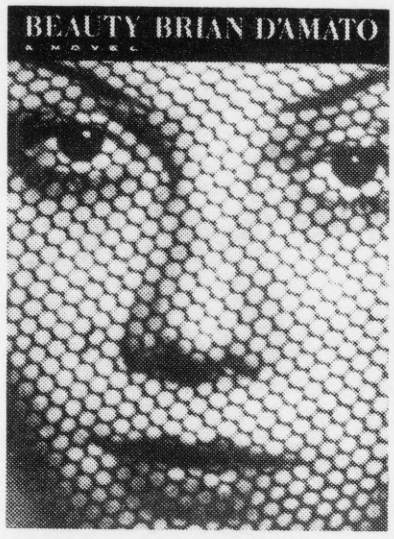
types—but all young couples of medium build. The black and white illustrations sprinkled through the text are politically correct erotic illustration, appropriately enough, more illustrative than erotic. Under the heading, "Doggy Style", a picture is indeed worth a thousand words, but the pictures simply say, "This is how it's done." They do not say, "This is hot!" Even the one at "J. O. Clubs" struck me as more like Norman Rockwell than porn. A great variety of men—all races, mostly young, some older and many different types (including a dwarf with a whip and pierced nipples in a three-way), but only one couple showing so much as "love handles" and the rest pretty slim. Lots of "swimmers' builds" here, as if the type represents the bulk of the community. Or perhaps the generic look is intended to dull the sexiness.

So it's not perfect. I could point out omissions by the truckload. No such book is going to be perfect. I've seen lots worse, and all in all, I doubt any could do better.

Beauty

By Brian D'Amato
Delacorte Press, 1992, $20



Reviewed by Tom W. Kelly

Bordering on science fiction, but without the redeeming and socially relevant implications typical of the genre, Brian D'Amato's first book, *Beauty*, makes for difficult reading. It's not that the words are too big or the message too confusing. Instead, D'Amato tends to over-barrage the reader with details that lead down blind alleys and plot points that go on page after page, but then don't tie in significantly (if at all) with the book.

For a novel set in one of the world's most exciting cities (Manhattan), featuring trendy people, places and events, the storytelling is slow, bordering on laborious. During one lengthy passage, protagonist James Angelo and his girlfriend go to Mexico. They visit some temples and wait around for something significant to happen, but nothing really does.

Author D'Amato is also, or perhaps primarily, an artist. He has exhibited his paintings at galleries and museums in New York, Paris and other cities, and is a regular contributor to *Flash Art*. *Beauty*'s central character, James Angelo, is a painter who has also exhibited his paintings in New York. D'Amato clearly bases his writing on what he knows, but the first 180 pages are filled with detailed (and I mean *detailed*) references to painters and procedures, concepts of beauty, and character background material that ultimately provide little (in proportion to the number of pages used) relevance to the book's plot.

Protagonist Angelo is not just a painter, he's also a part-time, somewhat self-taught "plastic surgeon." With a little help from his friends, he has developed a revolutionary method of facial reconstruction that far surpasses conventional methods. Angelo cuts and removes the imperfections. He then lays on some "breathable" plastic skin, molds it and paints it. But then (much later in the novel) something goes wrong.

Angelo is an overly cool character with an obsession for totally gorgeous, mega-perfect women. Completely self-absorbed (to the point of solipsism), an expert on virtually everything, he's not very likable. He decides to perform his miracle make-over on his girlfriend, and finally gets her to go along with it. Okay, the reader can now skip the first 180 pages. Really!

Beauty has several gay characters, though Angelo repeatedly proclaims himself to be a heterosexual. Thank goodness. He's not exactly an 11 on the charm meter. The gays are, unfortunately, solely portrayed as shallow and snotty stereotypes. Calvin is described as a "pain in the neck, always backbiting...." When invited to go to Christopher Street with some friends, Angelo expects to see nothing but "some clony-looking old bald guy with a moustache and a motorcycle jacket."

Angelo is filled with contempt for anything less perfect than himself. This is, of course, pretty much the rest of the world. Though he finds himself typically enamored with women of color, he's hardly the humanitarian of the year:

> God, I hate the underclass. I'm sorry to say it, but it's true. They're just so lumpy and bad-looking. Once in a while you find a hidden treasure among them, but not often. There was this guy next to me on the subway whose face was just a patchwork quilt of cut-rate post-accident surgery. He had a really strange misshapen ear and discolorations over half his face, and his nose had been really squashed down and then sewed back onto his cheeks...

On page 180, Angelo begins work on his girlfriend's face. A total control queen, he not only completely changes her look into a goddess of beauty, he thinks up and imposes on her a new name ("Minaz") *and* supervises her entrance into the world of modeling. A Pygmalion (*My Fair Lady* for musical buffs) tale gone awry, Minaz gets ideas of her own. And to further complicate Angelo's best-laid plans, a couple of his earlier "experiments" are developing major problems with their new faces. When Angelo loses control of the world around him, *Beauty* becomes much, much more interesting.

Angelo's life on the lam and impending insanity brings out the descriptive prowess in author D'Amato. His talent is evident in *Beauty*, just subverted under the weight of too many narrative deviations and too many pages for the story at hand. If his next book features a more demanding plot line with more urgency in the storytelling, it'll doubtlessly provide fascinating reading.

International Feminist Fiction

Edited by Julia Penelope and Sarah Valentine
The Crossing Press, 1992, $20.95

Reviewed by Katherine Gleason

The writers collected herein originate from Australia, Canada, China, Egypt, England, Ireland, Japan, Korea, New Zealand, Panama, Russia, Spain, Trinidad and the United States. They are both lesbian and straight. The book is divided into four segments—Childhood, Relationships, The World of Men, and Matters of the Spirit. The stories range from quite short—Shirley Saad's "Amina" at under three pages—to very long—Barbara Burford's 100-page "The Threshing Floor."

There are 24 stories, all of which have been previously published, in the 333 dense pages of this book. The book has hardly any margins and, as a result, the type appears small. The paper within the hardcover volume is thin. These design features were probably intended to keep costs down, but they make for an ugly book.

While the volume does contain brief biographical sketches of the authors, there are no introductions to the stories themselves. The stories have no context. Thus it is difficult to determine where and when some of these stories take place. For example, reading Kym Martindale's charming, "The Pied Piper: A Fairy Story," I found just hints—British-sounding phrases—as to where the action transpires. Finally, 15 pages into this tale, Martindale writes that the women are British.

Of course there is no reason for Martindale to state the obvious. If the story were appearing in England, as it first did, the nationality of the women would not be in question. But, since the story has been anthologized by Americans in an international collection to be distributed to a presumably American audience, a little help from the editors would be welcome. In addition, quite a few of the women in this volume have emigrated from their native countries. Thus it is not always easy to guess if the writer is describing her homeland or her adopted country.

The stories also seem to cover various unmarked periods of time. One of them was first published as early as 1965, while the bulk of the work comes out of the late 1980s and early 1990s. Again, contextualization by the editors could have made these tales easier to read and more meaningful.

Despite Valerie Miner's statement in the introduction that the translator is "the quiet hero of international feminist publishing," it was only by carefully studying the copyright page that I could determine which of these 24 stories had been translated into English. Six stories credit translators (working from Russian, Spanish, Catalan, French and Korean), although at least two others look as if they were written in a language (Japanese and Chinese) other than English.

In spite of these serious drawbacks, several of the stories in this collection are well-crafted and illuminating. "Burn Sugar" by Marlene Nourbese Philip captures the immigrant's relationship to her mother and homeland in the rhythms and accent of Trinidad. When her mother's Christmas black cake does not arrive, the protagonist muses in evocative language on the changes that have occurred in her life, on the cake's meaning, and on her people's history.

In "The Chignon" Ch'i Chun describes another relationship between a mother and a daughter with simple elegance. Their relationship is further complicated by the arrival of a concubine in their household. The two older women's reactions and maturation into old age are intimately traced by the daughter through their various hairstyles.

In "Talking to the Dead," Sylvia Watanabe depicts an intergenerational relationship between two women in which the younger learns the traditions of her Hawaiian culture. An O. Henry Award-winner, Watanabe combines the folklore of Hawaii with a sharp and often funny contemporary realism. Her collection of short stories (also called *Talking to the Dead*) was published this past year by Doubleday and was picked by

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Clark Mitchell's "Last Light."

The Pastoral Pastels of Clark Mitchell

Reviewed by Tom W. Kelly

Take a meditative walk through various gardens of multihued flowers. Cruise slowly past peaceful vineyards nestled amongst gentle rolling hills. And do it all within the San Francisco city limits!

Richly colored pastel paintings by gay artist Clark Mitchell currently grace the walls of the John Pence Gallery. The Northern California wine country's intrinsic beauty takes on added dimensions of color in Mitchell's striking work. He masterfully blends and reconciles intensely opposing secondary colors into well-balanced harmonies. The collective calm of the 48 paintings exhibited makes for a relaxing, serene respite from the concrete and steel of our city's environs.

While strolling among the pastoral pastels, "Flaming Willows" immediately catches the viewer's attention. The intense, hot salmon-hued willow trees fairly leap from the vivid green and yellow background. Daring, almost shocking and definitely lovely. Next, wander over to "Wandering," a larger, peaceful path to points unknown. The off-whites of "Dusty Path" convey waves of dry heat common to summer days in the wine country. Mitchell captures that peaceful moment preceding a summer rainfall in "Traveling Storm" with just a hint of approaching gray-silver in the upper left corner. And what could be easier on the eyes than the muted blues, grays and greens of "Silk Dust" with a touch of a salmon sky in the upper right? Finally, the striking "Orange River" captures the intensity of a fire opal... one of my favorites.

Ten years ago Clark Mitchell relocated from San Francisco to live in Petaluma. "I used to spend a lot of time painting in Golden Gate Park," he says. But now that he's surrounded by the natural beauty of the wine country? "I love it!" Mitchell lives in this green paradise with his lover. National awareness of his work continues to grow, and he is featured on the cover of this month's *American Artist*.

The John Pence Gallery maintains a calm, meditative presence of its own. People speak in hushed tones as they circulate among the exhibited works. As you enter from the street, the first room contains an assortment of works by various artists. At this point, take a moment to make the transition from the nearby Tenderloin neighborhood— at least one deep breath—then head on into the second and third rooms. Here, the interiors are dimly lit save for soft spotlights illuminating each painting. Wonderfully well exhibited, the environs are cool and relaxing. An ideal space for these gentle, colorful creations.

If your busy schedule doesn't allow you to take a drive up to Napa or Sonoma counties, swing by the John Pence Gallery. Enjoy all the beauty of those incredible rolling hills, orderly vineyards and fields of flowers with none of the bother (you know—hay fever, sunburn, insects, high gas prices, flat tires, traffic, toll bridges... EEK!).

So many beautiful paintings to choose from. Of course, this is a gallery exhibit, and the paintings are for sale and range in price from $725 to $11,000.

Clark Mitchell: Recent Pastel Paintings at the John Pence Gallery, 750 Post Street, until April 10. (415) 441-1138.

Photography, Not Pornography

by Tom W. Kelly

On April 1 at 8 pm, as part of their 1993 Spring Lecture Series, San Francisco Camerawork will host a lecture and slide show titled "Sexual Photography and Homoerotic Imaging." Co-presenting the event are lesbian photographer/writer Tee A. Corinne and gay radical sex photographer Mark I. Chester. Though SF Camerawork has featured gay artists and photographers before, this event marks the first time a local gay photographer has been asked to speak.

The evening will feature first Chester and then Corinne, each speaking for about half an hour. In conjunction with their speeches, they will show slides of their work. Then a question and answer session will conclude the evening.

SF Camerawork is a "nationally recognized nonprofit, regional artists' organization whose purpose is to stimulate dialogue, encourage inquiry, and communicate ideas about contemporary photography and related media." The organization provides a reference library, bookstore, gallery and two lecture series per year. "Membership is open to all people interested in new and innovative photography," explains Bob Kelley, SF Camerawork's program coordinator and bookstore manager. "Many members are working artists."

Kelley made the initial contact with Mark I. Chester for the "Sexual Photography" lecture, having attended several of Chester's exhibits including the recent SEXART 2. Why Chester? "We wanted a diverse schedule for the spring lecture series," Kelly offers. "As many different voices as possible. It's enriching for our membership." Kelley readily approved Chester's recommendation of Tee A. Corinne as co-presenter.

A former SF local (for eight years), who now resides in Oregon, Tee A. Corinne explains that her photography centers on... "BODIES!" After taking a breath, she adds, "My images are

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Mark I. Chester's provocative images will be presented in his slideshow/lecture as cohost of SF Camerawork's 1993 spring lecture series. Photo by Mark I. Chester

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meditations on the spirit and the flesh.'' Her work celebrates female genitalia and eroticism. Previously published work includes the *Cunt Coloring Book*, the ''Sinister Wisdom'' poster, *Dreams of the Woman Who Loved Sex* and *Lovers*. In 1991 she was chosen as one of the 50 most influential lesbians and gay men of the decade.

She earned a master's degree in life-size figure drawings, and in the mid-1970s began taking photographs of ''all who would let me.'' With some surprise she states, ''I'm amazed at how consistent my work is. The early work still looks strong even compared to my current work.'' Overall, she views her photographs as ''intensely political! Any time anyone says what society says you can't say—it's political.''

Corinne is planning to include over 100 photos in her portion of the SF Camerawork program. As for audience reaction? ''I'd like to hear people say, 'That's the picture I've always wanted to see.' '' She wants to capture the ''inevitability of how lovemaking feels.'' Her attitude is definitively upbeat. ''Life carries me away!''

SF resident Mark I. Chester's slides will cover his 12 years of publicly exhibited photographic work. His earliest program, ''Between a Rock and Hard Place,'' features bondage, male genitalia and strategically placed clothespins. Overall, a flatter, almost clinical look in several pieces already indicates the potential for the exciting work to follow. Next, ''City of Wounded Boys and Sexual Warriors'' interplays shadows, stark imagery and some high drama. ''Lost in a Sea of Desire'' delves into much more complex and challenging juxtapositions of imagery, shadow, light, location and energy. ''Wounded Art'' attacks the film itself with scratched surfaces and includes many extremely abstract images (still featuring male genitalia, of course). The men pictured all share an attitude of ''look at what gets me off. Look at my dick.''

Chester's sexual portraits chronicle a part of our lives, creating ''a kind of dark explicit diary.'' Though graphic sexual photography is considered taboo, it is essential. ''Only by breaking the silence and telling our stories can we start to heal the wounds, survive and eventually come to consciousness.'' So why fight social taboos? Definitely not for great wealth or mass appreciation. ''Something about being Jewish and about the Holocaust,'' Chester explains, ''drives me to do this work. We must have a record of these incredible men who have gone. A record of at least part of their lives. My work has given true meaning to my life.'' Many of the posed subjects have passed away, but ''I keep them alive with these images.''

The extreme difference in Chester's and Corinne's approaches will certainly offer the audience interesting counterpoints to homoerotic visuals. Though different as black and white, the combination of the two will hardly result in an evening of gray tones—more likely marbleized chiaroscuros. Sure to be both visually and mentally stimulating.

''Sexual Photography and Homoerotic Imaging,'' SF Camerawork, 70 12th St. (between Market and Mission), 8:00 pm. $5.00 general public, $3.00 members. To be sure to get a seat, call for reservations. (415) 621-1001. ✿

the leather chronicles by St. clair adams

Event Season From Hell

There are so many events lined up, that no one could possibly attend all of them. I suggest making a list of all of the ones that you would like to go to and then make a budget. And don't feel bad if you can't attend everything. I guarantee the events will happen again sooner than you think. See you on the battle front.

SAN DIEGO LEATHER FEST

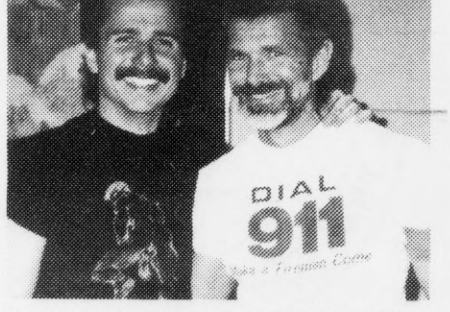
I had a fun and exciting weekend with over 500 leather brothers and sisters in San Diego last week. There was something for everyone, plus parties everywhere to keep you busy. Congrats go to Bob Goldfarb, Richard Reynolds, John Keasler, David Holding, Kim Sontag, Galadriel, Doug Beck, Richard Iglehart, Spud, Bear, Doug Beck, Bernard Watkins, and hot & hunky Madoc—all of you made Leather Fest V possible. My hat is off to all of you.

A wide variety of workshops included Fire by Emerson Briney (Mr. Intl. Drummer '93), Flogging by Brian Dawson (Mr. Drummer '91), Shaving by Spud, Branding by Fakir Musafar, Fasting by Bert Herrman, Temporary Piercing by Kelly Thibault, Metal Restraints by Jeff Burnham, Negotiating by Cleo Dubois, Women in S/M by Kim Sontag, Catheters by Daniel Leach, and Caning by Kate Murray. The workshops were very professionally done, especially the flogging techniques by Brian Dawson. I was very impressed by his patience, and the way that he made participants feel part of the workshop. Brian and his lover Jeff are a hot couple, and I am looking forward to revisiting them soon. As you can tell, there was a lot of support in the planning and presentation of these events.

The bars were wall-to-wall people stepping on each other's boots. The Mr. Wolf's contest was short but sweet. Donald Baer, previous SF resident, won the title. There were many—I mean *many*—hot bodies for the taking. I strongly recommend that you go to this event next year.

MR. SF EAGLE LEATHER

So far, three preliminary competitions have been completed. The winners and first runners-up will compete for the title of Mr. SF Eagle Leather '93. The winner of the finals will represent the Eagle in the Mr. SF Leather contest on Saturday, April 3, at 8 pm. So far the contestants are Jeff Mathews (Mr. HQ '93), Ed Kauffman (Mr. Pit '93), Greg Byfield (Mr. Jackhammer '93), Richard Faust (Mr. Watering Hole '93), Steve Kajikawa, and Jimmy Murray. Tickets are still available at Mister S, S2, Mercury Mail Order, or the SF Eagle.

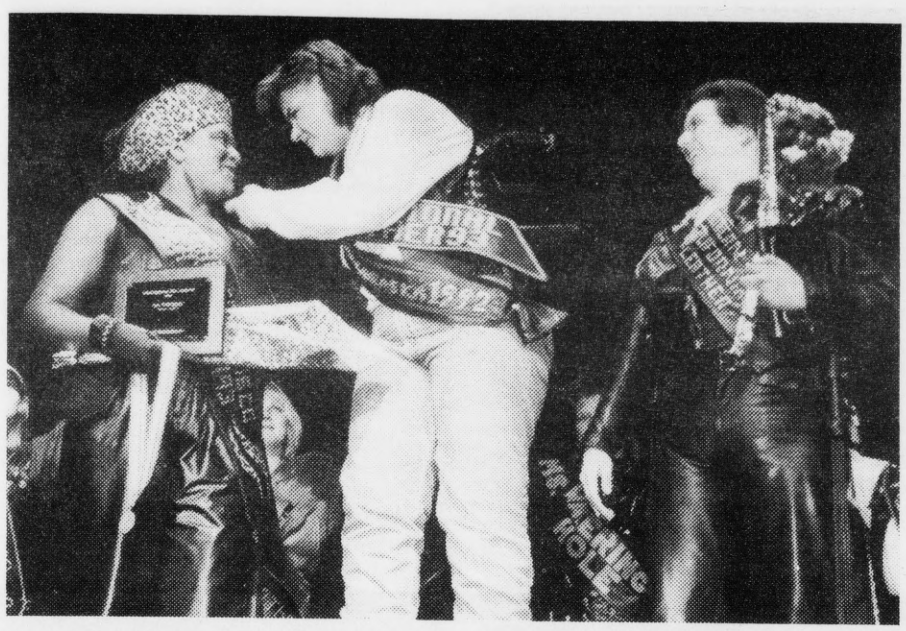


Brian and Jeff at the San Diego Leatherfest. Photo by St. Clair Adams

The crowded food line at the "Knights of Malta" benefit beer bust at the SF Eagle. Photo by Rink

MR. HEADQUARTERS LEATHER

Art Tomaszewski (Mr. HQ Leather '92) has had a very eventful year. Art had a lot of new ideas on themes for events. He also volunteered for



IMsL '93 contest winners (L-r): Queen Cougar, 2nd place; Amy Marie Meek, 1st place; Donna Shrout, 3rd place. Photo by Jane Philomen Cleland

almost every event there was this past year. I look forward to more fun ideas from Art in the future. Art and Philip Turner emceed the contest for '93. Jeff Mathews walked away with a $300 prize, along with a HQ vest, trophy, and the title of Mr. Headquarters Leather '93. Andy Rose was first runner-up and received $150. The panel of judges included Lynn Odvody (Mr. Hairy Chest '93), Jerry Roberts, Queen Cougar (Ms. SF Leather '93), Mr. Marcus and Lenny Broberg (IML '92).

MS. INTERNATIONAL LEATHER

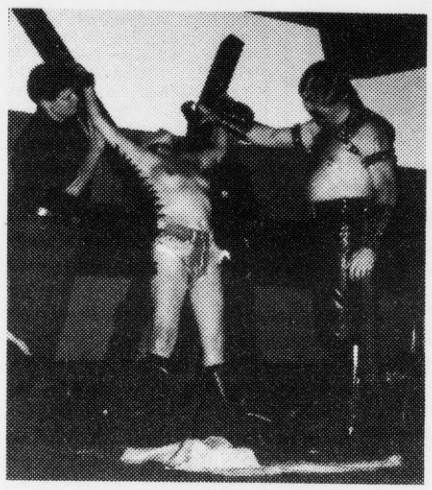
I don't know how she did it, but I am very proud of the job that Blair has done during this past year. She has traveled to many different cities, produced a lot of fundraisers, and kept a positive outlook through the whole year. The out-of-town trips she embarked on were limitless and I'm sure quite tiresome, but she managed somehow. If the new IMsL does only half of what Blair has accomplished, she will also be congratulated on a fine year.

IMsL '93 was a night of fantasy and an overwhelming outpouring of love from the family of leather. The opening number was performed by Skeeter (Dyke Daddy II), Rainbeau and all of the contestants. The crowd went wild during the act, and I'm quite sure a few women had to excuse themselves to regain their composure.

Most of the contestants' fantasies were beyond what I expected. They were creative, well choreographed, and the costumes and staging were hot. After Queen Cougar (Ms. SF Leather '93 and Ms. HQ '93) and BC Cliver (Dyke Daddy I) sang with amazing talent, they were given a standing ovation—one of the first in my time of going to contests. Shan Carr (IMsL '88) and Daddy Irwin Kane (Leather Daddy X) emceed the evening with taste and class. The judges were an experienced group and did not have an easy job of selecting Blair's successor; they included Lenny Broberg (IML '92), Blair (IMsL '92), Pam Meyers, Ruth Marks, Tova Sewall (Ms. Northeast Leather '92) and Wickie Stamps.

What a list of contestants: Jennifer (Ms. Sacramento Valley Leather '93), Heidi Bayer (Ms. South Bay Leather '93), Amy Meek (Ms. Leather Nebraska '92), Teresa Bourg (Ms. Apex), David Dakota Vivian Taylor (Ms. Missouri Leather '93), Donna Shrout (Ms. Northern Cal. Leather '92), Queen Cougar (Ms. SF Leather '93), Kelly Burlingham (Ms. Watering Hole '93) and Lil Cooper (Ms. Alameda County '92). Other important people to mention are Audrey Joseph (Producer), Sky Renfro (Production Liaison), Joy Schulenberg (Judge's Liaison), Jacqui Jewles (Contestant's Liaison), Jamie Santos (Stage Mgr.), Rick Cook (Lights), Peggy Sue (House Mgr.), Medly Young (Security) and Bobby Foster (Program). The '93 Board of Director are Ann-Soucy West (President), Frank Strona (Secretary), Michael Hernandez (Treasurer) and Terri Foster (Board Member at Large).

Now for the winners: Donna Shrout, second runner-up, Queen Cougar first runner-up, and Amy Marie Meek took the title as the new International Ms. Leather '93. Amy is serving as a member of the National Steering committee for the March on Washington, NLA National Council, Queer Nation and the Imperial Court of Nebraska. Good luck, Amy, and a positive recognition to the hard work the contestants gave over the year and in the contest. Until next year. Hasta la vesta, Baby!!!



A fantasy at the Friday night press party for IMsL '93 at the Eagle. Photo by St. Clair Adams

DESERT LEATHER FEST

The events for the newest Leather Fest are shaping up. May 14-16 is still cool enough for this type of event, but is warm enough that you can wear whatever the hell you want. Friday night is a Beer Bust with Tom Ammiano (the mother of all gay comedy). Saturday afternoon poolside will be the Cheeks & Chaps contest, an encore by Tom Ammiano, and craft vendors. Saturday night is "A Desert Storm," a salute to Armed Forces Day with Singer Terri Foster. Sunday is poolside again, with an encore by Terri Foster followed by a Beer Bust. So far there are 130 people booked, and we are still two months away. Call (415) 364-1915 if you want more info or a flyer mailed out to you.

MR. EDGE LEATHER '93

Congratulations to the new Mr. Edge Leather '93, Tony Amato. I have had a chance to work with Tony, and I am sure that he will be an active member of the title brood.

P.S. Don't tell anyone that I told you, but I think that the Eagle has gone nuts. Monday and Tuesday from 9 pm-2 am they are almost giving drinks away. Monday is club night, and you receive special well and beer prizes if you wear your overlay. Tuesday is kegger night, with first keg complimentary and 50 cents per glass after.

P.P.S. Send your leather press releases to PO Box #4, Redwood City 94064. ✿

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which is not true. So in reaction, you end up with other people saying that the problem doesn't occur, or it doesn't occur very much, or it only happens to people who are about to die. In the middle of these extreme positions, meanwhile, are patients who have cognitive symptoms but don't have much support from either their community or the medical establishment. I feel very frustrated that there are agents out there which might help my patients, but have not been tested.

The incidence of people whose first AIDS diagnosis is dementia may be only 7 percent. But that goes up another 7 percent a year in people who have had some other AIDS-index diagnosis. So this is going to become a bigger issue as people live longer. I'll put a question to you: Why do you think dementia has been an underserved and ignored area?

Well, I think you're right about the "embarrassment" of dementia, and about mental status problems generally. If you address them, then you allow for their existence, which allows for their potential to target you. I also think that the specter of "losing your mind," however inflated, is really draining for people who already face the loss of their physical health, and who in the past have come perilously close to losing legal and civil rights. I do know people in ACT UP/New York and ACT UP/Golden Gate who have seriously tried to get more research attention for dementia. We need to get funding to answer all kinds of questions—or even to get the questions asked.

Yes. And one of the most important questions concerns the very direction of HIV drug research. You could come up with the best antiretroviral for the body, but if it doesn't effectively penetrate the blood/brain barrier, you're going to end up with the brain as a safe reservoir for viral replication, a constant source of reinfection. Also, we should ask why some people with HIV develop neurologic problems and not others. The answers to these questions can't all be with the virus. Some of the answers are in the host, in people living with HIV.

Dr. Singer will speak at St. Mary's Hospital in San Francisco on April 7, 5:30 pm, at Morrissey Hall, 450 Stanyan St. (near Hayes), at the AIDS Grand Rounds of the Community Consortium.

AIDS Treatment News, *a twice-monthly newsletter, is available by subscription. For a sample issue, call (800) TREAT-1-2, or send a SASE to ATN, PO Box 411256, SF 94141. To protect your confidentiality, we mail first class without mentioning AIDS on the envelope.* ✿

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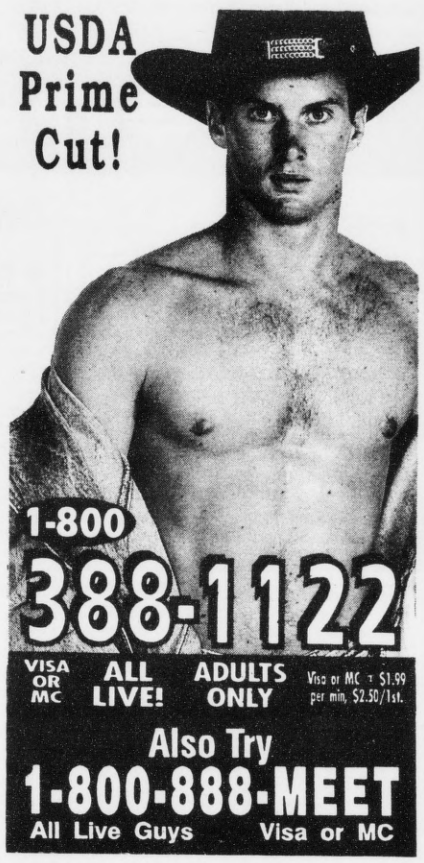

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be resolved. Just don't return any rent deposits prematurely. And be sure your credit cards are safe! On second thoughts, change the locks before it's too late.

SCORPIO: (Type 8) One way or another your mouth will get you into trouble this week. New lip piercings will surely get infected, but other options are worse. What the hell. You can always take them out and let them heal back up.

SAGITTARIUS: (Type 8 or 3) You may be famous as a cheap date, but this week you decide, what the hell, they invited you out, live it up! Won't you be shocked when the bill comes in and you discover it was Dutch treat!

CAPRICORN: (Type 1) Go ahead and buy yourself those accessories you just can't live without: hip boots and a plunger. You'll be so deep in it this week you could go in drag as Miss Rhoda Rooter.

AQUARIUS: (Type 5) Your inner child needs his/her mouth washed out with soap and to be put to bed without supper! In the meantime, you can go out on the streets and perform sordid acts in back alleys. I'm sorry, oh prolific one. I meant to say *assorted* acts in back alleys!

PISCES: (Type 2 or 4) If you want to know who your friends really are, volunteer to help out at a fundraiser. Just make sure they pay you for the seats before you buy the table! Cancer has a question to ask you. Just smile like the sphinx and act like you really know the answer. ✿

Write Stuff...

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and third stall—you can't miss it.'' So the door's open, and I go by—and there's a glory hole that's, like, a foot-and-a-half by a foot-and-a-half. It's not a glory hole; it's a viewing screen! It's like you're on TV for the person in the next stall. It's *obvious* what it's there for.

Then he took me across the center of the Pentagon to this other bathroom, and said, ''Last two stalls on the left.'' It was *busy*. I hung out in that bathroom waiting to see the glory hole. There was a *line* of guys—I never even got to see it! You could *hear* guys going at it. And people were coming in, looking down there, thinking, ''Oh, the doors are closed,'' leaving, then coming back a while later. It just blew my mind.

I mean, I *assume* Colin Powell might use this bathroom. (Laughs.) I *assume* Dick Cheney might use it, on his way to someone else's office when he might have to grab any random bathroom. It did not seem to be too horribly secretive; there was no password to get in or anything.

That's in the book?

(Betty) I gave the coordinates. Because in the Pentagon, there are 17 1/2 miles of halls; you could totally get lost.

BE SURE TO WEAR FAX MACHINES IN YOUR HAIR

Do you have a recommendation, for San Franciscans going to D.C. for the march, about the best thing to do or place to go?

(Betty) Gay men should go to the strip bars. They don't have that here. These guys get up, whip off all their clothes, and there are a half-dozen of them bouncing around on the bar. Then *patrons* start grabbing the boys' dicks! And young, cute guys go there. The patrons can be cuter than the strippers.

Anything else?

(Betty) Outdoor cruising. There's a million places—and I recommend you go to *all* of them. (Laughs.)

Do you have a sense that, because there's going to be such an overrun of people from throughout the country, the balance will be out of whack?

(Betty) Totally. There's going to be huge lines for everything. If people are going to events, they have to expect to have fun *in their line*—sitting on the curb waiting. It's going to be a total, total nightmare. I'm psyched for it—it's going to be really fun.

(Pansy) I think it's going to be like hazing week or something.

(Betty) Well, those D.C. people are going to be so lucky because so many people are going who don't even have housing—they're just planning on finding their room and board every night.

(Pansy) I'm sure it's going to be Babylon, East Coast. ✿

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Marilou Awiakta's "Amazons in Appalachia" also addresses intergenerational relationships between women and, at the same time, mixes history and fiction to achieve a truly spiritual and political story. Similarly, in "Story," Barbara Rea uses factual material drawn from other writers to build a strong and chilling personal narrative about a woman at the end of her tether who is described in words that could come from her doctor husband: "Mary is a funny girl. Mary is a bit of a feminist. Mary is an anti-vivisectionist. Mary is a depressive but the drugs help."

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The penultimate story in this volume, Becky Birtha's "In the Life," is a particular favorite of mine. It has appeared both in Birtha's collection *Lover's Choice* (Seal Press, 1987) and also in *Lesbian Love Stories* (The Crossing Press, 1989). Birtha writes of Pearl Irene Jenkins, an older African-American butch who reminisces about—and is haunted, quite pleasantly, by—the spirit of her longtime lover Grace.

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Quiet, yet silly, introspective but adventurous, progressive and slightly cynical 25 y.o. WL seeks hang-out buddies and/or dates. I like spontaneous, quirky and nerdish women who are reliable, non-judgmental, politically conscious and into honest friendships. Big perks for other quiet, thoughtful gals. Let's meet for breakfast, go on a hike, or color in our favorite coloring books and chat about learning to be who we are. P.S. Date potential definitely increases if you are over 5'8" and not skinny (like me). Call ★★5028.

Are you a lesbian? Do you have a healthy sense of yourself? Are you funny? Are you androgynous or butchy? Are you into sex and not interested in marriage? Do you communicate openly and honestly? If yes to all the above, put down this paper and call me, a 31 y.o., bright, fat, pseudo-femme, great kisser, seriously silly, progressive, Jewish dyke. Lez tawk and have some fun. Call ★★5030.

"The Right Commitment"

Would like to meet a woman, a lipstick lesbian like myself. I'm butch centered, please be femme centered. Don't scream at the thought of wearing make-up. Be attractive for real. No therapy addicts, downers or a traumatized, hate-filled incest survivor. I'm 40, pretty normal, very Italian, attractive, petite, worth meeting. Non-materialistic. Love to dance. No smoke, no drugs; wine, fine. Call ★★5031.

East Bay

44, tall (5'10"), slim, bld/blue, East Bay, femme exterior, androgynous exterior, financially and emotionally stable. Down-to-earth with eclectic tastes in just about everything. Love to laugh, make love, camp, hike, bike, etc., etc. Open to new adventures. Looking for LTR. STR or ? Women who are fun and like to go and do as well as stay home with a glass of wine and a good movie (ms + 3k on Sat.), who possess a slightly warped sense of humor, a free spirit and are adventurous emotionally and sexually. Please no smokers, 12-steppers. Let's have fun. Call ★★5032.

No Issues

No drama, oh no!!! Oh Yessss. Laughter a must for this 29-yr-old. Sexy, adventurous, crazy and down-to-earth—a strange combo I admit, though fun. Free-spirited people need only apply. For you see, I am not a drama queen, I only surround myself with drama queens. And if you believe that—Are you into long, sustained... or long walks along... Not! New people, new acquaintances, new friendship and sex! Of course there's always room for romance if that's where it heads. Love to meet you. Call ★★5033.

Slut In Pearls

Would you like to undress a cute butch to discover black lace lingerie under her 501's and white T-shirt? I'm 30, too smart for my own good and ready to roll over for an aggressive, charismatic, sophisticated femme top. If you think the personal ad thing is for the desperate, the pedestrian, and way too much of a gamble, let me challenge your assumptions. Call ★★5034.

Sunday Brunches

Are you tired of being "single" among your "coupled" friends? Do you enjoy traveling, movies, browsing through bookstores, weekend trips, and fine dining? This 40-year-old, East Bay woman seeks 35-40-year-old woman, professional, also from East Bay, to share these interests. Prefer nonsmoker and no drugs. Call me if you enjoy Sunday brunches, followed by trips to beach cities and quiet walks along the water. Reply BT Box MR3B or call ★★5035.

Communication, Honesty

I am: 5'2", brown hair, hazel eyes, 158 lbs., age 31, stockbroker, workout 3x weekly. I am, and I am also looking to date: GWF, morning person, nonsmoker, no drugs, future plans of having a family, dog lover, femme to androgynous, goal-oriented. She would also be 28-35, dark brown eyes, live on Peninsula. No S&M, plus for women in caregiving profession. Call ★★5036.

No Ordinary Love

SWF, 32, redheaded bombshell with wheelchair disability & atomic energy desires love affairs with women capable of deep love & friendship, who like kids (I don't have any yet) and don't hate men just because some are assholes. Sorry, no instant lesbian marriages if we choose to be intimate. I have a free safari spirit and can't be suffocated by individuals that love my energy and seek to harness it. Let's be free to explore new life directions, break old patterns, and mostly play. I have a '60s soul and am a rebel with a few causes. I want to meet beautiful wimmin who are healthy, open, independent, playful, affectionate, liberal, down-to-earth, and fun. If you know the true meaning of friendship, have gotten rid of old baggage, and are into new discoveries in '93, write me about yourself and include phone number. I love to dance, go places and do water sports, and play pool. I love the movie Big & passionate lesbians who can make love through the night more than once a week. Come take my breath away & show me how deep love can be... Are you a funky diva & a great kisser? Write/ phone & light my fire! Reply BT Box MR4B or call ★★5037.

I've Got This Urge To Kiss You...

Your clear eyes looking through me, magical smile, that inviting mouth—hair up, sleek neckline over soft shoulders curving along your silhouette femme... hot. You intrigue with your mind, amaze with your heart, inspire through your vision. And light me with amazing passion. A fine woman• came upon my doorstep one day a year ago... I am blessed. Signed, Your Butch. Call ★★5038.

New Age Of Knowledge

Educated, attractive, healthy femme lesbian, early 40s, one teenager. Seeks intense, intellectual, ethical, literary conversations with slightly irregular feminist lesbian. Then other challenges on planet earth. Love attorneys, writers, teachers, seekers of that magical bullet! Prefer to meet academic left-wing who is functionally liberal, even if ideologically conservative. What does it mean if you're in that closet—OK—show me where the dust bunnies are. Reply BT Box MR5B or call ★★5039.

Enormous Flamboyant Nerd

6 ft. political veggie dyke, furious tux-clad survivor, adventurous go-cart riding poet, butch womyn femme savage, sex positive lesbo playwright, politically incorrect academic, breasts video games diet cokes orgasms, Pat Parker Holly Hughes Audre Lorde, dorky bubble boobie grad student, laughter friendship aggressive intensity, enraged peacemaker compassionate artist, enormous flamboyant nerd; in search of a partner in crime for multiple consensual erotic adventures. Call ★★5040.

#1 Woman Thang

Not exactly what you were looking for. Me: medium to large, cute, red hair, carpet and drapes, on the young side, like to be horizontal, especially on my back. You: big girl, 2 gray hairs, beautiful, on the louder and older side, aggressive. I want it from behind; you like to give it. I am thankful for your giving, soft and hard. Relationship police say, "Yes!" Call ★★5041.

Really Real

Lovely, tall, energetic, pear-shaped lesbian available for occasional SF/EB/RR dance, tea, talk dates, flirting, walk 'n' talks. Sex-positive, easygoing, refreshingly open and supportive. NS, ND, no drama, intrigue or acting out—plenty of sizzle and laughs. Tall, attractive, enjoyable, open-minded, spirited, energetic lesbians—call. Call ★★5042.

Missed Messages

Due to some mysterious technical difficulties, the responses of three lovelies who answered my "Nontraditional" ad (#4335) in the Feb. 25 issue of this fine paper were deleted before I had an opportunity to listen to them. I'm very sorry, and hope that you will go to the additional time and expense (I'll reimburse the second call) to re-record your message just in case we missed a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. Please call... ★★5043.

Metal

I have a kinky sadomasochistic fetish about metal. I want the taste of it in my mouth, the feel of it on my skin and inside my cunt. I want chains wrapped around my naked flesh, handcuffs cutting into my wrists, a bit in my mouth and a metal collar around my throat. I want to be hit with a metal ruler, probed and examined with cold metal instruments. If you have chain mail, shackles, a metal dildo or a nice cold exam table, that would just about make me pass out with pleasure. If you have other metal fetish ideas, I'm all ears. No knives, cutting or piercing; guns, however, would be just dandy. I'm a good, fun bottom, feisty rather than passively submissive. I don't care about your age, race or position on the butch/femme scale—imagination, respect and a playful attitude are what matter most. I'm primarily a bottom when it comes to this fetish, but switching is certainly an option. I'm looking for sex, not love. No men. Want to play? Please reply BT Box MR6B or call ★★5044.

Wanted: Wonderful Woman With Fireplace

Well hello—I'm looking for new friends, with the potential of developing a LTR. I'm 36, comfortable w/my femininity, attractive & sometimes athletic. I enjoy hiking, fireside chats, quiet romantic interludes, weekend trips, eating out, and living a healthy lifestyle. If you live on the mid-

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ARE YOU GOING TO THE MARCH ON WASHINGTON?
OH, ABSOLUTELY! WE GOT MARRIED AT THE LAST ONE IN '87. NOW WE'RE GOING BACK WITH TWO KIDS!
DEMONSTRATING WITH TODDLERS IS A REAL TREAT. I WENT GRAY OVERNIGHT AFTER THE PRO-CHOICE MARCH LAST SPRING.
NO!
SHRIEK!
WOW! WHAT A BUNDLE OF ENERGY.
YEAH. YOU'D NEVER KNOW SHE OVERDOSED ON PEG'S ALLERGY PILLS TWO WEEKS AGO. CLIMBED OUT OF HER CRIB, INTO THE MEDICINE CABINET, OPENED THE CHILD-PROOF CAP...
OH MY GOD!
OH, SHE WAS FINE ONCE THEY PUMPED HER STOMACH! WE JUST CAN'T TAKE OUR EYES OFF HER FOR A SECOND.
WHOOPS!
SHAKTI, DON'T YOU WANT TO PLAY WITH MAX'S TOOL BENCH?
NO! I'M A LITTLE MERMAID!
RRRR!
BUMP!
SPLAT!
BAM
OH, GREAT! THE PINK PIG IS 'CLEAN' AND THE BROWN PIG IS 'DIRTY'. WHERE'D THIS RACIST BOOK COME FROM?
WHAT RACIST?
... SO SINCE I WENT FREELANCE, WE'VE BEEN TRYING TO GET ROGER'S COMPANY TO INCLUDE ELI IN HIS HEALTH INSURANCE POLICY, BUT...
DAD! CHELSEA DROPPED MY GAMEBOY IN THE TOILET!
HE'S ADORABLE!
UM... AND HE SEEMS TO BE LEAKING...
OH, NO! POOP ALL OVER EVERYTHING!
WHOOPS!
HAVE YOU FOUND A DAYCARE SITUATION YET?
NO. I'M JUST HOPING SOMETHING OPENS UP BEFORE I HAVE TO GO BACK TO WORK NEXT MONTH.
MARGE, YOU LOOK AWFUL! IS SHE STILL COLICKY?
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Peninsula, are 38-48, bus/prof woman, emotionally/financially stable, outgoing & warm, and who loves animals—please respond! No children, smoking or drugs. Reply BT Box MR7B or call ★★5045.

Today

You made a difference, closed a deal, gave a speech, won a case, caught a plane, got a promotion, finished a book, wrote a letter, took a chance, told a story, saw a play, dined out, slept in, had a massage, called your mother, went to the symphony, rode a bike, booked a holiday, said, "I'm sorry," volunteered your time, slipped into something more comfortable, played with a baby, told the truth, hot tubbed, spoke another language, put your arms around a friend, made a plan, kept a promise, took a walk, read the paper and wondered about me. PO Box 31408, SF 94131.

Woman Seeking Woman

Slim, sexy, passionately intelligent, multi-ethnic, mid-20s lesbian in search of a woman who can commit emotionally, mentally and sexually without being possessive or overbearing. I want an equal, monogamous relationship with a sensual, intense, attractive, independent lesbian who is over 5'5", 23-33 years old and ready for fun, friendship and more, with a beautiful woman. Reply BT Box MR8B or call ★★5046.

Isn't It Hard

To do an ad and really describe all about yourself and what you want? Especially if you're sort of shy about these things? But here goes: This East Bay femme-ish, 40+, GWF, zoftig, cute, intelligent, funny & loving woman is looking for friendship/romance with GWF who is attractive, femme-ish, slender-ish and warm. I enjoy movies, walks, getting to know each other and romancing with the right person. If you enjoy someone with a dynamic personality who is upbeat, positive (mostly) and fun, please call ★★5047. No drugs/smoke please.

Let Me

Slide my olive-colored hand into the fly of your boxers. Touch me as I moan while the candlelight reflects off the delicate silver bracelets around my wrists and the ring in my nipple. As I open you enter and fill me, and hold me like that, forever—with pride! Womanly, educated, articulate, passionate, voluptuous femme seeks you for relationship of substance and honor. Call ★★5048.

What Would You Do If...

I asked you out? I am an open, beautiful, unpretentious, femmy 29 y.o. seeking gorgeous, sexy, fun, communicative lesbian (27-35 y.o.) for dates and/or long-term relationship. Let's go dancing, hiking, biking, brunching, see alternative films... you name it. I'm really active and have a lot of interests, so call me and let's talk. Absolutely no smoking or heavy drinking. Call ★★5049.

Single White Female

You: single GWF, 25-40, feminine, easygoing, youthful attitude, chemical/smoke-free, and aware of your inner child's needs. Me: single, 36 y.o., 5'4", 140 lbs., bl/bl, sensitive, versatile, enterprising, humorous and aware. Us: movies, videos, music, food, walks, talks and much more! For more info write to: PO Box 420325, SF 94142 or call ★★5050.

Your Ass Is Mine

Girls: I have a serious ass fetish that I'm just dying to get satisfied. If you'd like to have a dark, voluptuous, nasty-minded, white girl slut pay attention to your ass for hours at a time, then read on. I'd like to do any or all of the following to you: look at and admire your ass; make you show it off to me in various positions and stages of dress and undress; make you bend over my knee, bend over my furniture, or get down on all fours with your ass stuck high in the air; fondle and squeeze and hump your butt like a dog while you wriggle and squirm and plead for more; spank, paddle, whip and flog you until your cheeks are bright red and burning; and, of course, fuck you up the ass, long and hard and nasty, until you melt. I don't care about your race, age, butch/femmity, or build (although I am somewhat partial to voluptuous women), as long as you have a nice, juicy ass and are comfortable with the concept of talking about sex on the first date and doing it on the second. Light S/M is definitely on the itinerary; heavy S/M, other kinds of sex, and switching are also possibilities. We could have a one-night stand or do it over and over again, but a serious relationship is out of the question. Any queer gals whose butts have been tingling for the last minute or so, please reply BT Box MR9B or call ★★5051. Please, no curiosity seekers or women in monogamous relationships (I don't want to be the one you cheat on your sweetie with). No men.

Attractive, energetic, healthy, fit, smart, funny GBF, 30, seeks adventuresome, outgoing, playful femmes for fun and good times. NS, ND, LD—dining, dancing, movies, friendships welcome; relationships possible. Call ★★5052.

Invitation

North Bay lesbian-feminist historian and library freak, 46—attractive, warm, playful—seeks others for intellectual and physical explorations and adventures. Please be honest, emotionally responsible and free from any serious needs for alcohol, tobacco or cats. Reply BT Box MR10B.

Do Touch That (Telephone) Dial

Underneath a quiet exterior lurks creativity willing to soar on wings of imagination and adventure. 31-year-old Asian seeks friend, companion (perhaps more?) to explore new places, discuss new ideas and seek endless possibilities. Interests include: books, cinema, fine dining (in or out), nature and traveling (in no particular order except alphabetical). Values honesty, sincerity, intellectual curiosity, humor and a touch of irreverence. What about you? Reply BT Box MR11B or call ★★5053.

Cajun Women

Do you hate having to explain the difference between a Cajun and a Creole, or why you keep four aces up your sleeve? Do you long for someone who understands your passion for hot food, hot nights and hot women? Do you wonder why nobody's last name here seems to have the letter "u" in it? Well, I'm not Cajun, can't speak French, and am a lousy two-stepper, but I miss Louisiana and would love to swap stories with someone who can tell them better than I do. I'm 31, 5'10", brunette and femme. I'm looking for friends but it could get hot. Laissez les bon temps roullez, cher! Reply BT Box MR12B or call ★★5054.

I Want To Settle Down

Asian, late 30s, love traveling, camping. Must love kids. Need somebody compassionate, more understanding and with a lot of patience. I'm very loving, giving. I love talking on the phone for hours. Prefer somebody who lives in west Contra Costa county. I love to fantasize but not that kinky. Need somebody who's emotionally and financially stable. Need somebody who strongly believes in give and take relationship. Reply BT Box MR13B or call ★★5055.

Do You Get Excited

About meeting someone who is kind, gentle, caring, attractive, honest, outgoing, humorous, good listener, great kisser, massage giver, with a great smile? Also into self-awareness, spirituality, romance, traveling and living life. I work lots, live in Marin, work in SF. You are kind, gentle, warm, romantic, love kissing, cuddling, etc., between 32 and 42, 5'3" to 5'8", attractive. Call ★★5056.

Women That Look Like Women

I know that you are out there. I am a woman that likes looking like a woman. I am not into role-playing. I am interested in meeting new friends that are comfortable with the fact that they are lesbian women. I am looking for new people to do things with. I am 28 yrs. old, professional woman that likes to go out occasionally and also likes to do a variety of different activities. No alcoholics. Reply BT Box MR14B or call ★★5057.

Talk To Me

I'm looking for a 30something woman of color who is not into roles. If you're looking for the same thing, you've found it right here. My interests include spectator sports, movies and the theater. Intelligence and a good sense of humor are very attractive to me. If you think we're compatible, give me a call. Call ★★5058.

Sex, Coffee, Rock 'n Roll

Excellent food, cerebral fireworks, great wiseass humor, emotional profundity, game-free honesty, well-exercised physique, adorable countenance, intact animal instinct: Nirvana. Call ★★5059.

Needed: A Friend

Asian, 35, needs a friend. Live in Walnut Creek. Like to go to movies, dining, travel, going to bars and sharing interests with me. Prefer someone in Concord/Walnut Creek boundary. Call ★★5060.

Hot And Curious

I need a dominant bitch. Submissive WF, 41, seeks butch to explore S/M with. Let's talk over coffee for possible hot sex or friendship. I know you're out there and will want to punish me. All replies answered. Reply BT Box MR15B or call ★★5061.

Well-Aged, Strong-Bodied, Robust

Like a fine wine, patiently aged and ready to be opened, will linger lovingly on the lips. Bright, witty, passionate, attractive, 45+, 5'8", is ready for LTR. Sometimes butch, sometimes femme, depends on the day and what I'm wearing. Need music and art for nourishment, from opera and classical to soul and blues, from Monet to Picasso to Warhol. Beginning CW dancing, seek partner; I can lead or follow. Like dressing up for dinner and theater; like relaxing in sweats watching movies with our arms around each other. Love outdoors and walks, especially when there is a picnic included. Is my Gemini showing a bit? Seeking 40+, 5'6"+, full-bodied, physically fit woman, who has similar interests, is passionate about life, emotionally available, and has a great sense of humor. ND, NS, light drinking OK, financially secure, Marin, East Bay, or SF all OK. Write or speak knowingly of yourself and I will respond. Reply BT Box MR16B or call ★★5062.

Oh Please, Gray-Haired, Seductive

Dyke of compassion/appreciation for this 48-yr-old seeker of transformation, penetrate me on every level with your intensity/wisdom. Please write or call (if you are a truly kind person). Butches with dildoes, spanking and fantasies of possession turn me on. Call ★★5063.

Tall And Over 40?

Are you interested in making new friends as well as meeting potential lovers? Do you enjoy movies, theater, comedy, travel, eating out, flea markets and dancing? Do you have a sense of humor? Are you financially stable? Me too! If you are still reading this ad and any of the above describes you, let's talk. I am 5'9", over 40, African American, attractive, social drinker, and eat an occasional hamburger. I will answer all calls. Race not important. No 12-steppers or S/M please. Call ★★5064.

Porque Non?

Intelligent, cosmopolitan, 50+ woman with culture and humor seeking new single friends (or special friend) who are kind, adult, sexy, mentally healthy, like conversation, music, art, cooking and animals. I am a well-traveled, fit professional with a social conscience. No games or fads. Light smoker. European women particularly encouraged. Reply to Mazel Tov, 1099 Fourth St., #D218, San Rafael 94901 or call ★★5065.

Romantic Quest

Seeking compassionate, dynamic woman capable of emotional depth, adventurous sex, great fun and serious intentions toward me (as in LTR). I'm complex, warm, emotionally intense but sane, also very open, caring, funny and smart. I'm not slender, nor into outdoor athletics much, but I am an attractive, exciting, somewhat femme, blonde, mid-40s, NS, mental health professional, who loves music, film, theater, nature, dancing, restaurants, weekends away and articulate, affectionate, sensual women with psychological savvy. If you live in SF and have no furry pets (allergies), I'd be especially pleased. Call ★★5066.

Hear Ye... Hear Ye...

Single, Black, adventurous, butch, 41 years young, professional, physically fit, average looks, easygoing, romantic, sensitive, attentive, loves to make love in front of fireplaces, long drives, fine foods, walking, movies, running away on weekends, reading in bed, being lazy, etc., seeks feminine women with similar interests. I'm hoping for a love connection. Write me or leave a message on my voice mailbox. All responses will be answered. I love women of all races and ages. Reply BT Box MR17B or call ★★5067.

All-Around Healthy Dyke

Energetic, playful, nature-loving lesbian. Emotionally I'm 38; chronologically 52. Full, well-rounded life. Reply BT Box MR18B or call ★★5068.

Wanna Date?

An ancient ritualistic dance worth trying with the right person. I'm a 29 y.o. soft butch who loves women who know what they want when they want it. She must accept people for who they are, be self-confident but not cocky or hung up on labels or inhibited sexually or socially. I like cafes, intimate dinners for two and long and intense conversations. So call me. Reply BT Box MR19B or call ★★5069.

Yes, Daddy...

We've come a long way since I dropped my pants that fateful potluck—it's amazing what a true butch can do for a girl! You have given me wisdom, laughter, discipline... beyond my wildest dreams. I know your love for me is boundless just by the fact we are still on the healing path. So... yes, I do, daddy, is what I will say to you on May 29. I love you, Hunky. Your Asian Muscle Goddess. Call ★★5070.

Searching

To find attractive, playful, sensitive, androgynous, healthy lesbian, 40-46, tall, professional, likes laughter, share occasional bottle of wine, good food, kissing, exercise, theater, hiking, movies, outdoors, good stimulating conversation, honesty and more... Me: tall, 43, sensitive, brown hair, hazel eyes. Let's get together to talk and have some fun. Please call ★★5071.

Fair Game

Fun-loving femme seeks dominating, controlling butch who likes fucking me with her big dick and then coming in my mouth when she's good and ready. I'm yours; you're mine; like no other way, like no other time. I'm a blonde "trapped" in a petite, nice-looking brunette's body, sweet, honest, health-conscious, athletic, good in bed and worshipful of my master. You are tall, strong, well-built, caring, passionate, dark eyes, protective, possessive (Scorpio a definite plus), financially secure, light drinker, NS, no drugs, enjoy home cooking, the outdoors, music and sleeping with your arms wrapped around your babe. 30+ please; no pros; lesbians only. Call ★★5072.

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Looking For A Skipper, Not A Lover

BiWM, 24, fit—a sailor whose only love right now is the sea—looking to crew on local boat for racing, daysails, or extended cruise. Experience on small boats only—I spend 1 or 2 days a week on the Bay, mostly in dinghies, singlehanded. Honest, dedicated, fast learner. Easygoing, open-minded. Let's talk about the possibilities. Write: PO Box 170111, SF 94117.

Third World Gay Men

Get together for Sunday brunches and socializing. A cooking collective for non-yuppies is forming—music, laughter and nourishment provided for the body, mind and soul. Call ★★5110.

Weight Training Partner

Been a dedicated gym goer for a long time. I'd now like to get more organized by sharing support, knowledge and training with a like-minded partner. My workout routine includes free weights, machines and aerobics. Looking for another nice guy in San Mateo County or San Francisco area. My schedule is quite flexible. A friendship would be an added benefit! Call ★★5111.

Golf Anyone?

Do you love to play golf? Are you a "single" golfer (i.e., you do not have a regular golf-playing partner or your lover doesn't play)? Let's get a group of women together for regular golf dates. Non-competitive. Weekends or weekdays possible. All levels of play welcome. All you have to do is love the game. Call ★★5112.

Seeking Frida Kahlo & Georgia O'Keefe!

Rusty lesbian watercolorist looking for other lesbians interested in starting a painting group. Hoping to organize a weekly or biweekly gathering where we'll chat, snack, laugh, procrastinate and, oh yeah, do a bit of art! All skill levels, all mediums, welcome. Dust off your brushes (or pastels or charcoal or...) and call with your ideas of where, when and how to meet! Call ★★5113.

Photographs

Artistic BiWM amateur photographer seeks M/F models for photo sessions, fantasy, boudoir, portrait, nature, or special requests. You get your choice of photographs. Discretion assured. Particularly taken with good definition, leather and couples. See yourself as others see you. Reply Box 471, 2215 Market St., SF 94114 or call ★★5114.

Tennis

Youthful/attractive, mid-30s (appears mid-20s) GM seeks GM/GLM tennis partners for 1x-2x weekly late afternoon-early evening tennis. (Intermediate-beg. tennis.) Seek non-competitive partner—mostly to stay fit. Dolores Park pref'd. Call ★★5115.

Prospective Queer Parents

Do you want to be one? We are a community group that meets on the 2nd Sunday of the month at 11:30 am for a potluck & discussion about lesbians & gay men co-parenting together or known donor situations. If you are looking for a co-parent or just looking for support—come & eat with us. Call ★★5116.

The Dream Is Still Alive

Self-taught, amateur synthesist/MIDI musician looking for like-minded people, who, though past their 20s, haven't given up their dreams. Limited time and money with day job, but sincere effort to create a '90s musical vision similar to: Pet Shop Boys, Electronic, New Order and even a little Nine Inch Nails. No drugs, nonsmokers, financially responsible, looking for guitarists (Johnny Marr/John McGeogh styles) MIDI synthesists, sax, or sound engineers. I have the songs. I need help and support to bring them to completion. Reply BT Box MR600B or call ★★5117.

Rodeo Time Again

Looking for lesbians to share travel, stay and events at other gay rodeos around the Southwest and Southern California. Also to attend benefits and dancing parties at the various country/western bars in the Bay Area. Call ★★5118.

Lesbian Poker Game

Friendly game starting in The City. For women who enjoy poker, good conversation and take-out food. If interested or have questions, please call ★★5119.

Weekend Sailor

Got a sailboat? Need a congenial crew? Take me along. WF, a little rusty, but many years prior experience as sailor and boat owner (22' and 35') looking for skipper(s) who sail for fun. Daysails mostly, but cruise possible. The Marquesas? Australia? The Delta? Let's talk, then sail. Call ★★5120.

Women Wrestlers

Does the thought of wrestling with other women pique your interest? Whether you're looking for a good workout, or a sport for the '94 Gay Games, women's wrestling may be what you want. Weekly practices in SF. Call ★★5121.

Bridge

Duplicate player GWM, very good player with under 300 MPs. Would like to establish partnership with above average player to play at clubs, tournaments, etc. Please have considerable experience, open mind, good sense of humor. I really want an above average player. Call ★★5122.

Sailor Seeks Crew

GWM, 40, with ketch and lover, has openings for sailing crew. No experience necessary, just the desire to learn and become part of a sailboat family that has a deep love for the San Francisco Bay. I think this is a magical lifestyle and welcome a few special people to share the adventure. Captain, 1001 Bridgeway, #428, Sausalito 94965 or call ★★5123.

Mountain Biking

Queer boy-gendered person has seen Paree but is still stuck down on the Peninsula (Redwood City). Seeks nearby friend(s) for cycling up in the hills—road or trail. I heart my bike. Call ★★5124.

Attention Bipolar Dykes

We're an ongoing weekly peer support group whose purpose is "To create a comfortable, safe environment, unaligned with any institution or professional therapy, within which lesbian, gay and bisexual persons with a diagnosis of a Bipolar (Manic-Depressive) Disorder may gather for mutual support, understanding, and information." We're all relatively stabilized and are currently able to accept several new lesbian members. Contact us for more information. Reply BT Box MR601B or call ★★5125.

Need A Sailing Mate?

Let's make a date to sail. This slightly better than novice GWM, 31, would love to sail the Bay. Have done the Chesapeake and lesser waters of the East Coast, now dream of doing the SF Bay. Will gladly help with maintenance, etc. of your rig. Also very interested in crew position for bay racing events. Call ★★5126.

Massage & Friendship

Certified Massage Therapist would like to exchange deep nurturing massage & possible friendship on a regular basis. You need not be certified but experienced & sincere. I'm looking for someone to help me center for my HIV hospital & hospice massage practice. Reply BT Box MR602B or call ★★5127.

Poetry And Community

Lesbian poetry group forming by published poet

Deadline April 2.

for those who'd like to share their work and read works by others. Supportive atmosphere to continue creating. Please be committed to your own work. Call ★★5128.

S(he) Captain

Have sea legs, will travel! Steer this "able body" retired luxury liner ship's masseuse toward an even-keeled, non—aholic, mild-mannered (lesbian?!) skipper/crew smooth cruisin'/racing 'round the Bay Area to start. Serious about clocking up more deck time (have Coast Guard Boats/Sailing Safety Certifications), but not into bright work. Will do my share towing lines, trimming sails, giving non-sexual sports rubs, navigating and boatsitting instead. Aloha! Reply BT Box MR603B or call ★★5129.

Lyricist/Guitarist Sought

GWM, 36, with lots of "songs without words," seeks lyricist/guitarist to help transform them into songs with words, and better arrangements ("two guitars are better than one"). Song styles range from folk to pop to rock (with some classical music influences). Also have 4-track, synthesizer and reverb machine. Hoping for fun and possibly a demo tape and/or the nucleus of some kind of non-professional band. Call ★★5130.

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BISEXUAL

Tri

Stable bi male, 45, seeks long-term relationship with two gay or bi women. My hope is for tri love, intimacy and commitment with a house, gourmet kitchen, garden, kids, lots of friends and pets for good measure. As two or three, let's do lunch. RSVP PO Box 885291, SF 94188-5291.

Married Bi White Male, Age 50

Overweight and unemployed, would like to make friends with Filipina, Asian and Latina ladies who are bisexual, from age 50 down. Married or single. Gentle married couples welcome. I'm working on my weight. I don't smoke, drink or use drugs. I'm HIV-. I'm tired of being ashamed of my desires, games and loneliness! Let's be honest with each other! PO Box 424053, SF 94142-4053 or call ★★5081.

Help Needed

Gay girl(s) needed badly. BiWM, recently rediscovering women's sexuality, needs gay or bi girl(s) to teach me the exquisite art of cunnilingus. Gender role swapping is fun and gay girl sex is the hottest thing on the planet, so don't think of me as a normal guy. I'm totally non-threatening, mischievously fun-loving, mostly sane, absolutely STD- and HIV-clean and utterly turned on by strap-ons, light bondage, S/M exhibitionism, sex-parties. UB2. Call ★★5082.

Bound To Please

Docile BiWM (published but impecunious author) seeking masterful patron desiring live-in factotum/slave. (Crave Tantric "self-control" discipline: suspend me naked; mischievously masturbate me, etc.; whip me if/whenever I allow myself orgasm, yet force me to ejaculate over & over, until I learn self-control & cum only when it pleases you.) I'm youthfully mature, tanned, fit, disease-free, intellectual, sane; cultured, bohemian, discreet. Call ★★5083.

We are a spiritually oriented, bisexual, interracial married couple seeking lasting romance with a man, woman or couple. Published African-American poetess, earth mother craftswoman, 5'2", and long-haired white male artist/painter, blues musician, 5'6" (both very cute). Longing for friendship, passion, verbal and physical intimacy and the shared pursuit of new ways of living. Probable relocate to Hawaii. Letter/photo to PO Box 1812, Wimberly, TX 78676-1812.

Know Me Now!

Comic book reading, drawing (and looking) daily performance artist, into bands from Coil to Chumbawamba, seeks some surreal pals (dykes, bikes, trans, etc.) for... um... fun. P.S. I am technically a girl. Call ★★5084.

Pervert boy, 25, looking for true love and/or vapid sex. I'm real fond of bondage & pain & hot flings, and switch. Also I like to pile up big stacks of books & rant about theory & wander around The City drinking coffee & arguing. You can do this with me or just tie me up & molest me (or vice versa). But please don't be emotionally clueless. Call ★★5085.

Love And Commitment

Healthy, fit, handsome, uninhibited, intelligent, bisexual male with an attractive, good body, seeks attractive, fit, healthy, nonsmoking, intelligent, bisexual woman for love, marriage, home, beautiful and bright children, caring, communication, understanding sexual pleasures in a jealousy-free, open, loving and sharing, equal and inclusive partnership adventure through life. Me: SJM, 5'10", 180 lbs., brown hair, green eyes. You be attractive, fit, uninhibited, 25-35, desiring all the above—including me—forever. Call ★★5086.

Age Play

Woman seeks other creative, reasonable women interested in erotically dominating men who are in feminine, juvenile roles. Petticoat discipline, infantilism, cute costumes, sissy boy training and teasing, S/M of the mind more than the body—all done safely, consensually and affectionately. Join me in making my "little boy" and his playmates "perfectly pleasing pets." Your ideas welcome. Boxholder, PO Box 425991, SF 94142 or call ★★5087.

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TRANS

Fergus Seeks Dil

I love the fair sex, but something seems to be missing. Me: 30, 6 ft., 155 lbs., long brown-auburn hair, 10½ shoes, pleasant features. You: younger, any race or size, but feminine and attractive (prefer Morticia to Madonna!), with a love for love, life, and loud (metal/industrial/hardcore) music. Delusions or not, the "bzzz" must be there before intimacy ensues. Care to meet halfway? Call ★★5100.

Tall, slender, 6'1", blond/green, very well-dressed and flirtatious. I'm straight and have a girlfriend—but I've fantasized too long. I'm looking for a gorgeous, thin, Asian, Hispanic or white transvestite or pre-op TS to initiate me into your world and maybe help me to cross over. I'm sophisticated, sexy and clean. You: very feminine, short skirts, lingerie, frills, heels, nice! Prefer 18-25. Teach me, create me! Call ★★5101.

TV French Maid

Would it excite you to dress as a sexy French maid in heels, seamed nylons, petticoat and short skirt? Petite, trim, attractive GWM, late 30s, seeks young-looking, trim, bright, imaginative, healthy, nonsmoking playmate, under 45, for TV role games. Very discreet. Nobody will know but us. Humor helpful! Write: Box 538, 220 Redwood Highway, Mill Valley 94941.

NEW!

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MESSAGES

Working On My "Stuff"

I am out here... couldn't reach you by phone from Atlanta, Mr. Out There (★★4542)... had to place an ad. Are you reading? I'm 33, WM stud, brn/hzl, 6', 175 lbs., cleanshaven, crewcut, HIV+ and positive about it. I've got a big heart that's in the right place... it's time to get serious. Coming to SFO soon. Write VSM, PO Box 8801, Atlanta, GA 30306 or call ★★5134.

I'm Positively Selective Also

Tried to respond to your ad, Mr. Positively Selective (★★4696), but couldn't get through from Atlanta. I was told the only way to contact you was to place my own ad... hope you're reading. I'm 33, WM stud, 6' tall, 175 lbs., "all muscle," cleanshaven, crewcut. Love to workout, run, spend time with my Labs and friends. Time to focus on things that matter. Need a quality man to help. Respond ASAP to VSM, PO Box 8801, Atlanta, GA 30306 or call ★★5135.

Missed Messages

Due to some mysterious technical difficulties, the responses of three lovelies who answered my "Nontraditional" ad (#4335) in the Feb. 25 issue of this fine paper were deleted before I had an opportunity to listen to them. I'm very sorry, and hope that you will go to the additional time and expense (I'll reimburse the second call) to record your message just in case we missed a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. Please call ★★5136.

Bye, Bye, Handsome

Sat., 3/13, Midnight Sun, 11 pm. You: bl/br, white T-shirt, green shirt, with friends. Me: br/br, blue & white striped shirt, suede jacket, with friends. We traded looks. When leaving, I said, "Bye, bye, handsome..." I meant "Handsome," I didn't mean "bye, bye..." Call ★★5137.

Thursday, March 11, Around 4:30 PM

I saw you walking down Market Street near Montgomery. You are a tall Asian man, with crewcut, very muscular, wearing T-shirt, jeans, and backpack. You stopped at a Versateller machine. I was making a phone call. You turned around and smiled, but I was too shy to say anything. I lost you around 5th and Howard. I can't stop thinking about you. Let's talk. Reply BT Box MR700B or call ★★5138.

Northwest Airlines, Flt #347, March 15, '93

Me: 26D. You: 27D. We spoke, smiled, snored and shared niceties from DTW-SFO, 5:55 pm-9:18 pm. Please drop me a note if I may buy you a cup of coffee. PO Box 410059, SF 94141-0059.

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MEN

Where Eagles Fly

Let's fly together, spread our wings, man-to-man. I love life—good, bad, rewards. I am lit, crazy, moody, funny, believe life is a great gift. I am 5'10", 165, clean-cut, Black man, HIV+. I seek husky WM, 25-30, clean-cut, in-shape, who must enjoy running, camping, fitness; able to give and receive, man-to-man. If your wings are ready, let go. No games. Friendship/relationship. Call ★★5151.

Man Hunted By SF Man

Who is handsome, gym-toned, 40, very intelligent, social and fun. Enjoy biking, hiking, reading, seeing films and plays, volunteering, listening to jazz. Have Wanderlust in extremis. Am "ultra-liberal," monogamous wannabe, safe-sexual, extremely affectionate. Like dark, hairy, firm men, 20s to 40s, conversation, well-mannered extroverts, blonds with beards, the occasional toke, moments of honesty and hysteria. Dislike TV, BMWs, religion. For physical stats and voice check call ★★5152.

Shred

This windsurfer looking for same for dialing in and serious speed. Strength (physical and spiritual), health (emotional and attitudinal) a must. Smarts and arts a plus. I'm bi, UB2. Most people can't tell and I like it that way. Friends first. Steep skiing and blue-water sailing a perk. Reply BT Box MR70B or call ★★5153.

We Both Want The Best

So we're both looking for someone with whom we can share the best of ourselves. I'm GWM, 5'10", 170 lbs., brown hair, blue eyes, educated and attractive. I like travel, music, languages, theater, reading, Sondheim. I'm HIV-, like sex but like friendship and shared values and interests just as much. I'm ready to settle down with the right man. Like Asian and Latino men but will respond to all who seem compatible. Reply BT Box MR71B or call ★★5154.

Great Package 52

Sincere, sexy, sane, safe GWM professional, romantic, 5'11", 155 lbs., HIV-. No smoke, drink, use drugs. You: flexible, patient, maybe shy, HIV-, weight in proportion to height. Write PO Box 31854, SF 94131 or call ★★5155.

One Of The Guys?

Handsome and athletic young GWM in East Bay. Regular kind of guy, tired of/not into bar scene. Likes outdoor activities, the beach, Tahoe, skiing, mountain biking, camping, Disneyland, as well as A's, playing pool, bowling, movies, etc. Would like to meet masculine athletic/active same. Call ★★5156.

Own Your Own Business?

Full-time or part-time? This self-employed, handsome GWM in the East Bay wants to meet other entrepreneurial, driven & motivated guys. Let's talk! Call ★★5157.

Husband Material

Me: 5'9", 150 lbs., muscular (work out 6x/week), br/bl, hairy chest, 35 yrs. old, Jewish, HIV+, healthy. Sexually adventurous and well-hung. Intelligent and independent, fun includes gym, skiing, cooking, opera, classical music and watching big critters eating little ones on PBS. Most guys to whom I am attracted are younger than me, hairy (furry forearms make me completely nuts!), slender to muscular. Single again after a long time, looking for guys to date. Sex is important, but I get a lot of it without placing an ad. If you think we might click, call or write. Reply BT Box MR72B or call ★★5158.

Wanted!!

Relationship-oriented, sincere friends and playmates by a dangerously horny and hopelessly romantic guy who is ready to turn himself in for the right adventure. (He's 31 years old, 6'1" tall, weighs 165 lbs., is usually tan and has blond hair and blue eyes—a cute kinda guy next door type.) You should be 20-32, have a great sense of humor and an above average sense of direction for yourself. Extra credit for smooth/slim types. If you can provide any further information regarding this investigation contact... BT Box MR73B or call ★★5159.

Seeking Tall, Dark, Handsome Hunk For Hot Times

Me: 6'1", 34, 190 hard #s, bottom/versatile, runner, triathlete. Enjoy all sports, outdoors, healthful eating, all music. I love sex. You: tall, dark, very handsome, very muscular, manly, top/somewhat versatile, hunky, HIV- (I am), jock, man's man. You understand that it takes another man to make you feel great. PO Box 283022 (photo returned), SF 94128-3022 or call ★★5160. Discreet, Peninsula OK.

East Bay Stud With Morals

I am looking for a very outgoing, good-looking stud with morals. Between the ages of 25-33 and HIV-. Are you a professional gentleman by day and a sex-crazed beast by night? Well, I am. You are slightly stocky, nice legs with a cute butt, and gym-toned. Me: 25, brn/green, 5'10", 160 lbs., very good-looking. I am a great friend and possible ? Send photo and letter. Reply BT Box MR74B or call ★★5161.

Boy Wants Romance

GWM, 23, 5'10", 165 lbs., brown hair, green eyes, btm/vers, HIV-, graduate student seeks to make a friend who may become a permanent boyfriend. I'm a sarcastic, intellectual boy who loves competition, teasing, sharp wit and hugs. I want someone who is 5'9"-taller, 20s, strong-willed; into games, politics/history, country dancing and has goals. Reply to BT Box MR75B or call ★★5162.

Middle-Aged Beefcake

Seeks trim partner to date, share good times with, and whatever uninhibited else develops over time. I'm WM, 5'10", 200#, good husky football player type build, 46, medium hairy, cleanshaven, hung, uncut, HIV-. I'm intelligent, professional, financially responsible, reasonably attractive and non-neurotic, independent, non-smoker, no drugs. No Greek. Have many interests. PO Box 1177, Palo Alto 94302.

Straightforward

Handsome, masculine, athletic GWM, 37, HIV-, br/blue, 6'3", 195 lbs., NS, sexy smile and eyes. Successful professional; am happy, humorous, intelligent, sensual, romantic. Interests/activities are varied: I work out, jog, windsurf, hike, overall love the outdoors, write, travel, appreciate the arts. Not into game playing, am a no-nonsense man who is relationship-oriented, that loves cuddling, touching, kissing in the context of genuine intimacy. Would like to talk with GM, 28-40s, HIV-, who are honestly masculine and handsome, that work out and share some similar values/interests for a possible friendship/relationship. Call ★★5163.

In Search Of Asian Lover

I am 5'9", 180 lbs. and mixed, part Black and part white. I am slim, smooth and 29 years old. I'm into the martial arts and spiritual development. I enjoy movies and going places. And spending time with my lover. I'm sincere and affectionate. In search of Asian lover, 18 to 25, single, slim, English-speaking, any background OK. Must like touching, kissing, so on. Send a letter with phone and photo if possible to me. Please only serious replies and only Asians. Reply BT Box MR76B or call ★★5164.

New To The City

GWM, 46, 5'11", 170#, HIV-, cleanshaven, financially stable, new to SF, looking for friendship/relationship. Believe in commitment/responsibility and am playful, warm and flexible. You: under 50, HIV-, stable, balanced, nonsmoker/drugs, romantic. Let's enjoy SF together. Reply BT Box MR77B.

Batter Up!!!

Baseball season is almost here. This masculine, straight-acting, bearded, sports minded, HIV-dad in his mid-40s has a Giant bat ready for another dad or son who wants to meet at Candlestick and light the candle at both ends. Let's support the team we almost lost and support each other with companionship which could lead from outdoor activities into safe indoor sports. Let's be safe at home. Call ★★5165.

The Time Is Right

46 y.o., 6'2½", 220#, GWM, short brown hair, beard, balding, moderately hairy. Looking for slender, smooth GWM, to age 40, for relationship purposes. I'm honest, caring, irreverent and have a dry sense of humor. I'm bright, average in appearance with a good smile. I like intimacy, directness, kissing, massage, sex, challenging music, food and sports. Not a Renaissance man but well-rounded. I'd like the same but mostly appreciate openness & honesty. I'm sexually versatile, HIV- and consider myself a catch. Reply BT Box MR78B or call ★★5166.

Good Man Wanted

GWM, early 50s, tall, slim, healthy, available, usual interests. Ready for relationship with similar, active, no nonsense kind of man. Extra points for Greek active. If you take the time to call, I'll respond. Call ★★5167.

Tall, Handsome GWM

Dk blond/hazel, 30 y.o., clean-cut, cleanshaven, collegiate, HIV-, honest, affectionate, masculine guy with open mind, good sense of humor, witty & outgoing with creative career seeks another tall (6'+) slim to in-shape, clean-cut GWM, possessing similar attributes, who is masculine, handsome, 24-35, financially secure and emotionally available and looking for a quality relationship/friendship. Pluses: nonsmoker, Nordic, blond, tan, straight hair, fire signs. Call ★★5168.

Gender Bender

QWM, 40 y.o., 6'3", athletic, basically handsome, loves hot sessions of transgender sexual role playing. I like dressing in drag, lingerie; have interest in hormones. Tell me what you like. Call ★★5169.

Seeking Dominant Short Man

GWM, 38, 185 lbs., 5'11", dark blond, good-looking, athletic, nice body, relationship-oriented. Seeks good-looking, confident, dominant, verbal, shorter man. Turn-ons also include macho role-playing, kinky body worship and shared emotional intimacy. Call ★★5170.

It's Time

It's time for us to hook up and settle down. I'm 40, 155 lbs., 5'11", gray-brown hair, blue eyes, have a couple of graduate degrees, HIV+, happy with myself and my life. I'm told I have a strong personality, I'm also told that sexually I'm very intense (FYI: versatile, mainly top). I work out a lot and am looking for someone in shape and near my age. My life and leisure interests are eclectic, I'm after someone who can add to them so we can form a partnership out of the mix. Reply with photo to Boxholder, PO Box 590486, SF 94159-0486 or call ★★5171. All answered, photos returned.

You Love The Mountains

I'm high in the Sierra. You: 25-35, extremely good-looking, trim, spiritually aware, HIV-, great sense of humor, vegetarian, bright, optimistic, and want a long-term relationship with a handsome, cleanshaven, young-looking, trim, 39-year-old author who is financially independent and living the good life in God's country. Let's meet in the Bay Area. Call ★★5172.

GWM, 30, 6', brn/brn, 165 lbs., from Europe (Hungarian-Italian), profl, good-looking, straight-acting, healthy, discreet, honest, w/varied interests, seeks similar WM, 25-35, Hungarian-American person for friendship/relationship in SF or California. Serious only. If you're interested, please write me with photo: PO Box 6098, FDR Station, NY, NY 10150. Photos will be returned!

You're Unconventional And...

30ish to 40ish, HIV-, cut, NS, fast to laugh, unjaded, Generation X-oriented, intellectual, weight proportional to height, who's eager to stay off the beaten track with me: a Jewish deconstructionist, 5'8", 170 lbs., 48 y.o., with friendly brown eyes, moustache, balding, medium build. My interests include words, gardens, quantum physics, alternative/classical music/art, movies, Sunday NY Times, travel, world events, flea markets, nest-building. Call ★★5173.

"Handsome And Manly"

Manly WM, 30s, relationship-oriented, down-to-earth, good-looking, photogenic, tall, trim waist, hairy chest, muscular legs, neck & face, Anglo-Irish, light brown hair/green eyes, seeks relationship with 35+, sincere, 5'8"+, average/good-looks, masculine, trim or stocky, Caucasian, Chinese, Japanese, Hispanic. Who treats a man nice; likes dogs, horses, wine, humor, romance. Real monogamous relationship. Suburban SF or Peninsula. Car would help. Reply BT Box MR79B or call ★★5174.

I Know You're Out There

Good-looking GWM, 33, brn/blue, 165#, 5'11", cleanshaven baseball player type. Muscular, masculine, clean/sober. Asymptomatic healthy HIV+, active, interested in food, movies, cycling, racquetball, hiking. Strongly spiritual; have done a lot of inner work and am seeking someone who's working on their "stuff." Sensitive, strong and playful. I'm looking for a handsome, fit, open-hearted, 28-39-yr-old who has similar qualities and is honest and willing to communicate. Call ★★5175.

Let's Get Naked

Attractive, friendly, boyish-looking GWM, 34 y.o., 5'8", 140#, dark blond hair, green eyes, clean-cut, hairy, trim body, seeks handsome, muscular, independent topman for friends and fun. Reply w/photo (returned) for fast response: Box 99, 2300 Market St., SF 94114 or call ★★5176.

Some Enchanted Evening

Or perhaps over brunch... You will meet a very handsome, 6', 175 lb., BM who's a real catch: a healthy (HIV-), honest, witty, earnest, home-owning professional in his mid-40s who has a social conscience, wonderful sense of humor, and truly diverse interests including progressive ideas, spicy food, travel adventure, "quality time" with friends, passionate body contact. I've checked out the crowded rooms—would love to get to know an extraordinarily attractive, intelligent, HIV-, sensitive man, with a life and interests of his own, but open to a committed relationship. Or all through our lives we will dream all alone. Reply BT Box MR80B or call ★★5177.

Adore Me!

Tall, dark, handsome stud, more suave than John Forsyth in "Dynasty," more commanding than Patrick Stewart in "Star Trek," more buffed than Marky Mark in Calvin Kleins, obscenely wealthy but generous to a fault, passionate, tender, romantic, wise; offers a slim chance (no more than that!) to a gorgeous person hungering for slavish submission to the whims of a handsome compulsive liar. Reply BT Box MR81B or call ★★5178.

Ramblings Of A Psychotic

I've dreamt that scores of UFOs have landed and thousands of queers with tattoos and piercings have come to take me away. Fortunately, I discover it isn't the Planet of the Twinkies. What wild and paganistic adventures await us? Perhaps thermonuclear sex, or simple mind fucking. Young, wry and literate need only respond. Zap a cosmic note to BT Box MR82B.

Let's Do It Outside

Marin GWM enjoys outdoor activities: cycling, swimming, hiking, camping, backpacking, x-c skiing. I am slim, 150#, 5'10", 36, dark hair and eyes, HIV-, sparkly smile. N/drugs, NS, y/upbeat, y/athletic, y/affectionate. Seek good-looking, masculine, athletic, slim, outdoorsy guy for outdoorsy fun, friendship and hopefully more! Call ★★5179.

Hairy Blacks Or Any Men—Hairy

Will you dirty talk, racial humil., this 5'8", 150#, WM, HIV-. I lick, suck, w/s, kink, raunch, what that means to you. Hot mouth, lips, tongue, arm pits to bun hole. You order, I obey. I beg, you give. You master, me slave. SF area pref. or you travel my pad. No $$, phys. pain, abuse, hvy drugs. Use me, let me use you. Reply BT Box MR83B or call ★★5180.

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Bruno Clone?

You: Turkish or Mideast/Cuban/Mexican Bruno clone; dark and hairy, thick thighs, beefy arms; about 5'10", over 200 lbs.; gentle but passionate, honest and mature; not into bars that much. Me: 5'6", 155 lbs., br/bl, moustache, masculine; enjoy working out, walks on beach, wrestling, movies, sex; friendship important—let's see if anything else develops. Your photo gets mind. Boxholder, 601 Van Ness, #E3116, SF 94102 or call ★★5182.

East Bay Blond

37, 5'8", 140#, smooth, solid, tan, beautiful bubble butt. Relationship-oriented! HIV-, laid back, a smoker. Own home. Let's see what happens! Call ★★5183.

Masculine Italian

6'2", dark hair & eyes. Husky build, young 40s, smoker, good-looking, moustache, hairy chest. Healthy HIV+. Good positive outlook on life. Adventurous, down-to-earth type. Successful. Seeking a slim, attractive, masculine man who is uncomplicated, happy, tolerant, versatile & romantic. A few of my interests include traveling, remodeling, carpentry, gardening, dancing, dining out & cozy fireplaces. Possible relationship. Reply 1547 Palos Verdes Mall, #170, Walnut Creek 94596-2228 or call ★★5184.

Very Fit, Trim Guy

46, short, muscular, moody, blond, cute, looking for well-built, masculine, straight-appearing guy of few words but deep thoughts who's able to connect sexually and heart-to-heart. I'm HIV-, play safe, you be healthy too. Like honest, working class, rugged types, with great bodies. Not into barflies, opera queens, clones, lefties. I can be grumpy, but still waters run deep. Let's do some male bonding. Call ★★5185.

Serious Dating

I am interested in dating a man who is interested in creating an intimate relationship. I am willing and expect to be patient with this process. I'm 32, 5'5", 145 lbs., hairy chest, long hair, stocky, wear tie dye. Computer programmer by profession, filmmaking is my passion. Prefer to exchange letters and photos first. Live in SF. Reply BT Box MR84B.

All-American Boy

Very handsome, athletic, GWM, 33 (look younger), 6'1", brown/blue, well-hung, work out daily, and very well-built. I'm career- and health-oriented, intelligent, clean-cut, straight-acting/looking. HIV-. Seek similar type, any race. Photo a must. Not into anal sex but like oral sex (with condom) and kissing, touching, stroking, cuddling, holding hands. Reply BT Box MR85B or call ★★5186.

Old Enough To Be Your Daddy

Healthy 47-year-old daddy, 5'10", 185 lbs., 7" cut, blond moustache, reddish-blond hair, looking for manly boys (18-32), must be honest, responsible, mature acting, needing firm but gentle daddy's touch. No smokers, alcoholics, druggies, clubbies, gold-diggers or hustlers. I have a life, not a lifestyle. You do too. Now, tell daddy what you really want. Call ★★5187.

A Real Lover

GAM, 31, 5'8", 145 lbs., professional, well-built, open-minded, sense of humor, honest, seeking GAM/GWM for friendship or relationship, if possible. Nonsmoking/non-drinking. Write to: PO Box 2009, Santa Clara 95055-2009. South Bay most preferable. Call ★★5188.

Hobbes Looking For Calvins

Walks, hugs, kisses, theater and dinner by candlelight... Barf. In order for the world to have positives, there must be negatives, that's why I'm here. I refuse to describe my looks because it's shallow; Philadelphia transplant and white trash. Satirical, scotch, smokes and Schvanggg a plus. Also, you'd better be abnormal and funny. No offense but no piercings. I don't like the wind-chime effect. Reply BT Box MR86B.

Seek Creative Genius

Good-looking, masculine, WM, 44, 5'9", 160#, smooth, nicely endowed, seeking similar with a kinky attitude to explore long, safe & intimate FF, toys, genderbender fantasies and hot butt scenes. Mostly bottom but versatile. Reply BT Box MR87B or call ★★5189.

"AIDS Is In And I'm Out"

Out (unsafe sex). In (safer sex)! Handsome Hispanic lover seeks monogamous lover. I'm 31, HIV-, hung, moustache, 5'11", 180 lbs., NS/ND, unpredictable humor, poor, rich in spirit! Enjoys exclusive oral lovemaking only (no anal). Protective sex—otherwise mutual/verifiable HIV/VD screening (1 and 6 mos.) and unprotected afterwards (monogamy). Do you fill out applications for jobs, unemployment, IRS, welfare? Well, use the same effort for a lover—write me (photo). Boxholder, PO Box 427041, SF 94142.

Blue Collar Stud In City

Me: 35, 6'2", 180#, blond/blue, 'stache, well-defined, lean & muscular body, hairy & sweaty. Big uncut German cock, muscular & hairy butt—versatile. You: 20-40, lean/muscular/athletic build, 7+ meat, 'stache. Pluses: Latino/Arab, dark headed & hairy, uncut meat, easygoing confidence, nasty attitude for man-to-man animal sex, with a sense of humor. Call ★★5190.

"To Find Love Give Up Looking For It"

OK—I agree and you agree as well! Good-looking Latino loves to socialize and make new friends. Unexpectedly a lover will slide into my life out of one of my friendships. I love walks, talks, psychology, massaging, cuddling near a warm erotic fireplace (yours because I don't have one). Me: near my mid-30s, hairy (facial hair too), HIV- and adventurous! Reply/photo to BT Box MR135B.

Will Travel

Things are slow in SLO. I mostly meet collegians or retirees. I'm in-between but as they say look younger. Work out hard. Business permits travel. Could regularly visit if you're (like me) friendly, HIV-, not fat and of average or more endowment. I'm 170#, 5'10½", blue, reddish-brown, thinning. Prefer being FA/GP (safely). Shave my chest and nice ass. Will answer all with picture exchange (photocopy OK). PO Box 4107, San Luis Obispo 93403 or call ★★5191.

Oral Expert

Wants masc., aggressive men. You: 20s, 30s, early-40s—in-shape or stocky—from moderate to hairy. Me: handsome GWM, 34, 5'10", 160 lbs., med. bl/bl-grn, lightly hairy, hungry mouth and tongue, deep throat. Use me, use my hot mouth. Also into two men or group service. Call ★★5192.

Working On My "Stuff"

I am out here... couldn't reach you by phone from Atlanta, Mr. Out There (★★4542)... had to place an ad. Are you reading? I'm 33, WM stud, brn/hzl, 6', 175 lbs., cleanshaven, crewcut, HIV+ and positive about it. I've got a big heart that's in the right place... it's time to get serious. Coming to SFO soon. Write VSM, PO Box 8801, Atlanta, GA 30306 or call ★★5193.

I'm Positively Selective Also

Tried to respond to your ad, Mr. Positively Selective (★★4696), but couldn't get through from Atlanta. I was told the only way to contact you was to place my own ad... hope you're reading. I'm 33, WM stud, 6' tall, 175 lbs., "all muscle," cleanshaven, crewcut. Love to workout, run, spend time with my Labs and friends. Time to focus on things that matter. Need a quality man to help. Respond ASAP to VSM, PO Box 8801, Atlanta, GA 30306 or call ★★5194.

Friend Wanted

WM seeks friendships, rims, etc. HIV-, Black only. No reciprocity necessary. Thank you. Call ★★5195.

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Former US Navy hospital corpsman seeks an active duty military dude primarily as a pen pal. (Or perhaps as very discreet occasional fuckbuddy). Prefer USN or USMC. Health care personnel a plus. Write "Submarine" c/o PO Box 11470, Piedmont, CA 94611 or call ★★5196.

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51-year-old GWM, slim, Ph.D., Rogaine refusenik, with prostate pressure seeks younger guy for possible relationship. I enjoy someone energetic, unconventional, health-conscious, fit, a nonsmoker, good with plants and animals, and not into bars, partying, crystals, spirituality, or unemployment. I'm a good listener, dependable, financially stable, HIV-, verbal, oral, a top, a city boy for 12 years with many cultural and other interests and a crazy sense of humor. Boxholder, PO Box 14523, SF 94114 or call ★★5197.

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Intelligence Is Sexy

I am a warm, spirited, well-educated, physically fit, attractive WM, 36, HIV-. I am good-natured, fun-loving, happy, sensitive & sensual. I'm looking for another HIV- man with whom to share massage, to share life's ups and downs, to learn, to grow, to challenge, to communicate & to laugh. Call ★★5199.

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Very good-looking, honest, playful, relationship-oriented, optimistic, emotionally open, financially secure, communicative, creative, fit, HIV-, affectionate, romantic, into personal and spiritual growth, my gorgeous home, travel and massage. Want to meet similar GWM to love and make dreams come true. My arms and hands can soothe and melt your day away and make you purrr... Please write descriptive letter with picture to your: Destiny, PO Box 3508, Santa Cruz 95063-3508 or call ★★5200.

Spiritual And Sexy

In-shape, young-acting, 52 y.o. GWM, NS, ND, no drugs, HIV-, seeks long-term relationship. You: honest, caring, flexible, patient. Weight in proportion to height. HIV-. We are both cuddly, compatible, comfortable. Let's explore fantasies together. Write PO Box 31854, SF 94131 or call ★★5201.

Hugs & Kisses Come First

My arms hold what the world lacks. Lonely, shy, honest, sincere bear seeks a cub for extended periods of lovemaking. Relationship-oriented. Hopefully once won't be enough. Interests include: music, concerts, cabaret, plays. Me: attractive GWM, 43, 6'5", 280 lbs., top. You: attractive GWM, 21-35, slim bottom. Looking for affectionate individuals who want more than an orgasm and a one-night stand. Call ★★5202.

Infinite Mind Extremist

Bl/bl, very long-haired, 33, runner's muscular build, 30 waist since age 30, cleanshaven, asymptomatic and healthy, easygoing. "Into" revealing conversations, fun healthy sex, intimacy, living on the edge, being real. Seek only white men younger than me; no exceptions. Manly-esque versatile introverts, bi-boys, creative weirdos encouraged. No bar bunnies, wannabe's, drug impaired, drunks. Optimism is essential—follow your bliss. Call ★★5203.

Well-Built Older Guy

Handsome GWM, HIV-, 5'10", 155#, slender, muscular, seeks HIV-, well-built guy my age or older for partnership. I enjoy hiking, camping, running, working out with free weights, gardening, writing, cooking, reading, travel, theater and movies. I am attracted to men of personal warmth who are very masculine, communicate well, have high self-esteem, a high level of maturity, and whose interests complement my own. Reply BT Box MR88B or call ★★5204.

Seeking Bear Brother

Extremely gorgeous Asian, 27, 5'5", 135, NS, student, sort of eccentric, brilliant, phenomenally funny, amazingly humble, likes movies, jogging. Interested in intelligent, 35-55, big brother, who is professional, caring, patient, with

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For a non-sexual friendship with same. Me: 6'2", 193# solid, muscular BB, mature and healthy. You: tall, fit, any age and a nonsmoker. We: both seek relaxed and intimate times together, whether it be a night at the symphony, a stroll in the park, or having coffee together. Call ★★5206.

Asian Sought

GWM, 32, 155 lbs., 5'8", seeks relationship-oriented Asian male, 25-35. We are both health-conscious (nonsmoker/drugs/alcohol) enjoy outdoors, camping, hiking, art, film, sex, travel. Let's discuss the possibilities... call ★★5207.

Have Had It All—

8 yr. relationship—he died. Anonymous sex—empty calories. 2 yr. boyfriend—time to move on. I'm 45, HIV+, 5'8", 140#, s/p, blue and am the oldest person I know—I've always been with men more than 10 yrs. younger and most of my friends are younger. I've been caught saying, "I'm not attracted to men my age," but I suspect I'm afraid of my equal. So now I'm sort of ready & sort of open to something new. I'm handsome, enjoy sex, am drawn to unusual good looks and ethnic differences, enjoy sun, beaches, music and exploring. A fairly normal intrigued by the slightly not normal. My horoscope says, "You cannot discover new oceans of experience until you lose sight of the shore." If interested and a strong sailor reply (photo helps) to BT Box MR90B or call ★★5208.

Hispanic GM Wanted

By good-looking, butch GWM for sleep-over sex buddy. If you go wild being kissed, licked, sucked, rimmed and fucked passionately, you could be my guy. Me: 5'10", 160#, br/br, musc/athletic build, 40s, HIV-, affectionate and friendly. You: younger, shorter, trim body, sense of humor, HIV-. Dirty talker a+. No strings, drugs. Safe sex. Write Box 159, 2440 16th St., SF 94103 or call ★★5209.

Don't Judge A Book By Its Cover

Attractive, caring, romantic, 30something, professional with varied interests and curiosities is seeking to develop a sexually and emotionally compatible relationship. I am 5'10", 145 lbs., brown hair/hazel eyes, healthy HIV+, gym-toned, and sexually versatile/passive. Especially attracted to slim, smooth, gym-toned men, 28 to 38, who are honest, non-pretentious, nonsmokers and live in SF. Reply BT Box MR91B or call ★★5210.

Daddy/Boy

Leather daddy, tall, slim, late 40s, s/p hair, trim beard/'stache, distinguished, looking for boy substantially younger. Because I wear leather, people assume I'm into S/M, but I'm not! I like wearing leather, I like the way I look in it, I like the way other people look in it too, and I like slim boys who are looking for a man with a strong daddy image. A little bondage is OK too and fun, but not required. Not into pain, scat, watersports, fisting, etc. Just into loving, 69, J/O. A handsome daddy looking for a relationship in leather. No flakes—I'm serious. Call ★★5211.

Black And White

Is a great color combination. If you're a young Black guy who likes handsome, distinguished white men, give me a call. Daddy type (but not sugar daddy) seeks good-looking, slim, sincere, intelligent Black boyfriend. Is that asking too much? I don't think so. I know you're out there someplace. We just haven't met yet because we don't hang out in the Pendulum! I'm late 40s, trim, s/p hair, trim beard/'stache, sophisticated, English, fun, witty, urbane, loving, sexy. Go for it! Call ★★5212.

Quiet Evenings By The Fire

BGM, 49 y.o., HIV-, 135 lbs., 9½", professional, financially stable, mature, looking for BGM/AM/LM, with similar qualities, for dates to movies, dining out, short trips out of town, cultural events, and quiet evenings at home by the fire. No drugs, alcohol or cigarettes. Letter and photo exchanged/returned. Reply BT Box MR92B or call ★★5213.

Could I Be For You?

New to SF, only 1 year, making friends slowly, like to meet someone special. Me: GWM, 40, 5'10", 168, musc., workout (run, swim), nice-looking, like to meet a caring man, 30-50, who works out & shows respect for me. Someone with whom the chemistry will be right. Reply BT Box MR93B or call ★★5214.

Talented Fashion Designer

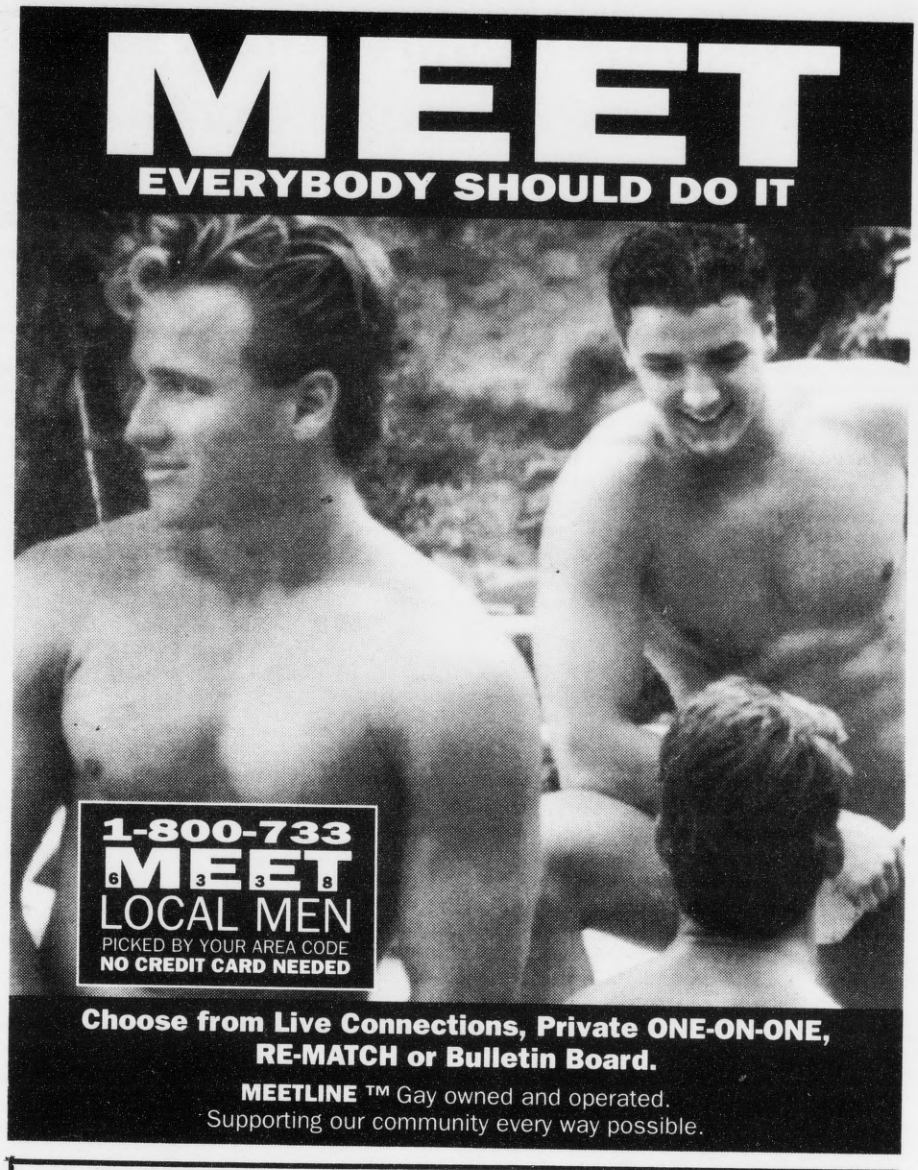
Tall, handsome, 34 y.o., looking for support and caring partner. Tell me about yourself. Maybe we can be not just partners? Reply BT Box MR94B or call ★★5215.

Plain Sex

I need hot, hard, horny men for safe basic sex (no drugs, no fantasies). I'm blond, blue, 5'6", 145 lbs., average uncut, versatile bottom with very nice body, HIV-, 40something (many guess 30something). Call now or write PO Box 26458, SF 94126 or call ★★5216.

Educated Asian

South Bay GAM, 29, 5'8", slim, dependable, employed, college graduate, no smoke/drug. Like antiques, arts, classical music, beaches and quiet evenings. Seek intelligent, stable GWM, 29-45, for long-term monogamous relationship, friendship first. Reply BT Box MR95B or call ★★5217.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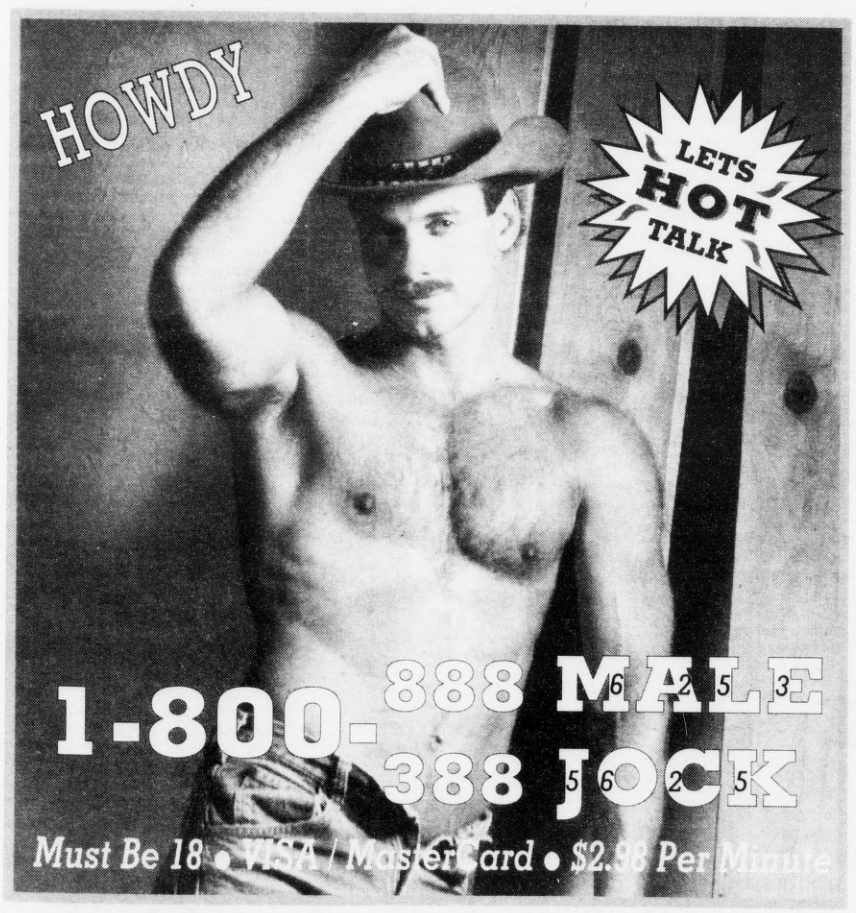

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I Want Muscles

GWM, 40, masc., muscular, runner/swimmer/skater wants to meet GWM of any race, 25-46, very musc. bodybuilder for possible relationship. I like mutual muscle exploration. I'm athletic, like sports. Love to dance with our shirts off. Reply BT Box MR96B or call ★★5219.

Seeks Pals

Gay Asian male, 28, 5'4", 132 lbs., wish to meet guys, 18-35, who share common interests to pal around, have fun and form close relationships with. I enjoy dancing, working out, ballet, cooking, politics and outdoor activities. Prefer nonsmokers with no other addictions. If you also need more friends in your life, please write or call: K.T., PO Box 720332, San Jose 95172 or call ★★5221.

It's Worth Trying...

Foreign graduate student, committed to social change, into new books and ideas (Foucault, Derrida, Lyotard), art movies (Bunuel, Truffaut, Visconti, Hitchcock), and regular workouts (29, 5'7", 138, attractive, fit), looking forward to meeting new people. Being shy, yet bright, humorous and warm when comfortable, I seek guys 25-36, attractive, fit, warm, open-minded, sharing some of the above for friendship, playful sex or whatever we decide. Call ★★5222.

Nice Work, Young Man

Attractive, trim businessman in Berkeley seeks weekly massage from college student or similar, any race. A friendly, mutually supportive arrangement, without pressure or intensity. Call ★★5223.

Strong Features—Soft Heart

Confident, relaxed and genuine—are those too much to ask? Together sort of guys, we're both also HIV-, NS/ND, fit and enjoy life with friends and much laughter. Dancing (all sorts) is a popular event, as are walks, theater, supper and cuddling up on the sofa. I'm 39, live East Bay and believe laughter and love make life worthwhile. Call now and surprise me. Call ★★5224.

Romance

The Little Prince says, "One can only see well through the heart." Burn again—romantic not Christian art, music, letters. I feel music, old movies intensely. Me: 40, 5'10", 168, musc., want to meet a fellow romantic, a reader, some muscles are very nice, flab isn't. A caring, really nice man is nice, 26-46. Reply BT Box MR98B or call ★★5225.

Let's Outdo The Overdone

Do you hate to stay at home, cannot afford a vacation, don't quite go for the wilderness trip but wouldn't mind a picnic in GG Park or doing another "wild thing," like routinely looking for a place to eat, and hang out and exploring the same overdone stuff with someone else that might do a little/lot more for you. I'm GLM, 6 ft., 160 lbs., early-20s, interested in similar GWM/GLM. Call ★★5226.

East Bay Romance

UC Berkeley student/employee, 33, 6', blue-eyed, in-shape, 165#, and all-around nice guy seeks compatible, fit man near my age for good times and dating. I like books, foreign languages, old movies, wine and cheese, time with friends and lots of (safe) sex. Let's deal with Spring Fever before summer begins! Reply BT Box MR99B or call ★★5227.

40 To 55 Sought

By 45, Caucasian, 5'10", 160#, balding, healthy, HIV-, intelligent, sensitive and affectionate male. All races welcome. I'm seeking someone with emotional maturity, having gained some (I believe) myself. Have good sense of humor. I like outdoors, intelligent socializing. 537 Jones St., #8778, SF 94102 or call ★★5228.

Beefy Bear Seeks Chubby Bear

WM, sincere, 47, 5'10", 215 lbs., bearded, hairy and uncut, wants to meet a masculine, sincere, chubby guy, 30-40, over 200 lbs., shorter and preferably a top for friendship and dating. Be adventurous, send photo if possible to PO Box 15093, SF 94115 or call ★★5229.

Man Of My Dreams

You are GAM, GHM, GWM, slender & well-toned, smooth-skinned, neat & attractive, preferably clean-cut, 28-40, 5'10" or shorter. This GWM is 39, 5'10", 160, well-toned, HIV-, clean-cut & attractive. We both are honest & caring, supportive, reliable & very communicative. My interests include gardening, enjoying nature/outdoors, hiking, movies, music, cooking & home life. Wanting to spend time with you, sharing your interests, we seek friendship & companionship. Our just reward is the romance & passionate times awaiting us. Sincere only, please. Reply BT Box MR100B or call ★★5230.

Quest

This 5'6", 140#, masculine, employed, healthy HIV+ Hispanic is attracted to those sharing similar levels of fitness, interested in culture and other activities, having homelife and night spirit, nonsmoker, non-drug (light drinker OK), determined but unobnoxious, has the perspective of enjoying being clothed when on business, or naked in a crowd when seeking emotional and physical pleasures. A party naked animal with brains. Letter and photo always answered/returned. Reply BT Box MR101B or call ★★5231.

Are You Looking

For a young, mature, semi-intelligent guy without attitude? Someone who is easygoing, practical and down-to-earth yet romantic with an array of interests and perversions? I am a 24 y.o. Asian, 5'6", 125 lbs., not impressed by HIV status, size or money. I can be impressed by cleanshaven, clean-cut young men. Call ★★5232.

Seeking Fun And Companionship

Handsome GAM, 32, 5'8", 140#, healthy, in good shape, seeks GAM or GWM, 25-35. I like weekend getaways, cuddling in front of sunsets, cycling and camping. I am easygoing, warm, professionally employed, and down-to-earth. Interested in dating first with relationship as a possibility. Let us talk and meet. Reply BT Box MR102B or call ★★5233.

Opposites Attract

GWM, on the femme side, 40, works out, dark brown hair, moustache, bottom, good-looking, wants to meet GWM, 30-50, very masc., well-built, dominant, a top. Reply BT Box MR103B or call ★★5234.

Ahoy, Sailor!

Seeking a special friend to take sailing, walk in the redwoods, enjoy passionate physical encounters and other activities. Handsome, masculine WM, 34, 5'4", 135 lbs., HIV+, asymptomatic, brn hair and eyes, moustache, physically fit and in-shape, light smoker (outdoors only), no alcohol. I am very physical, very oral and versatile, professional, stable, liberal and like to have fun! You are an experienced sailor or have great desire to learn, attractive, 30-40, masculine WM, weight proportionate to height, facial hair, blonds and redheads a plus. You are mature and know what you want from life. I live on the Peninsula. You are in SF, Peninsula or South Bay. Possible LTR. Sailing weather is here—let's go! Call ★★5235.

Great Catch For GAM

GWM, 33, 6'2", 180 lbs., European born, now living in SF, intelligent, attractive, clean-cut, blue eyes, blond hair, healthy, HIV-, many interests (art, photography, music, multi-cultural things, I love cafes). I am sincere but also very playful and youthful. If you are a young, slim, tall Asian (or Asian-American, Eurasian, Amerasian) and if you are also educated, good-looking, kind, honest, then—catch me! Reply BT Box MR104B or call ★★5236.

Seeking Asian Lover

Handsome GWM is hoping to find cute, attractive GAM (under 30) for friendship/fun times and possibly devoted relationship. I'm romantic, young, honest, professional, goal-oriented, happy and have a great sense of humor. Healthy, 5'10", gym-toned, muscular 150 lbs. Attracted to ambitious, outgoing personalities with high standards. I like big smiles, kindness and honesty. Clean, slender, trim, hairless bodies excite me. Prefer nonsmokers. Please write (picture?) and tell me about yourself... Let's make something special happen! Reply BT Box MR105B or call ★★5237.

Half Elf Ranger

Str 15, dex 15, con 16, int 16, wis 14, cha 12. Proficiencies: gaming, tracking, wilderness survival, dancing, running, swimming, mountaineering, blind fighting, boxing, martial arts, wrestling. Real world stats: 27, 6'1", 180#, HIV- (no saving throw needed), looking for guys (any race or class) into AD&D, SFB, RPGA, Battletech and any of the proficiencies listed above. I'm emotionally and financially stable and live in the real world—but I don't always play there. Call ★★5238.

Inexperienced

At a long-term friendship, would like to meet down to earth people for developing friendship. Prefer WM medium to slender build who is self-confident but not too self-absorbed, 26-32 y.o. Me: Asian, 5'10", 160 lbs., 29 y.o., educated, athletic (cycle 30-40 mile rides), like movies, eating out, quiet times, discussing current events, history and more. Call ★★5239.

Jewish Or Jewish-Looking

You just might be my type! Me: GWM, 28, br/br, 5'10", 135 lbs., HIV-, hung, fair-skinned, boyish, intelligent, 70 percent bottom. You: GJM (or similar), 28 to 40, HIV-, gym or athletic build (trim, not fat), hung, body and facial hair required, 70 percent top, professional preferred. Object: sparks, possibly a fire. Write to PO Box 2264, SF 94126 or call ★★5240.

HIV+ Scorpio

Fr/Ital, 36, 6', 173#, very nice-looking—even better with a tan. I have no tan line, great legs and a big, hot dick. I love funny, beautiful people with style and prefer gdlkg, slender, well-endowed men. I don't play games. I love romance, R River camping, beaches, parties, pools, positive friendships. Cheapskates and liars irritate me. Pisces and Cancers love me. Call or write/photo. Reply BT Box MR106B or call ★★5241.

Urbane

GWM, bright, Ivy League grad, intellectual, great sense of humor, fiscally secure professional, HIV-, interested in more than sex. Age 50s, 5'7", 165 lbs., interested in HIV- male, no facial hair please, who wants to share travel, dining, bridge, bicycling. You: also HIV-, 20-40 and smart. Send photo, returnable, to PO Box 471552, SF 94147 or call ★★5242.

Daytime Companions Sought

(Who're mature & educated) for lunch, sex, tender support, walks, shopping, banter, board games, overnight trips, estate sales, massage, Enneagram study, orchid shows, nude beaches, new experiences. (Postal exchange of erotic videos, too.) Welcome: physicians, clerics, foreigners, disabled. Appearance & age unimportant. I'm 55, retired, Hispanic, non-mainstream, holistically accessible. Serious relationship aspired. Occasional visits to San Francisco. R.F.G., PO Box 3464, Santa Cruz 95063.

Passionate Body And Soul Moderate

Seeking eventual serious Partner or nonsexual friends... Asian/Latin/all races with similar interests. Me: easygoing, proud nonradical type, ethnic food, music, Sade, Mathis, Orbison, Twilight Zone, Van Gogh, Kierkegaard, Pascal, independent Christian, philosophy, no heavy alcohol/drug dependency, lite videophile, Matt Ramsey, Looney Toons, the Far Side, Chaplin, etc. You: ?? I'm WM, 30, 5'9", 155#, "good-looking," cleanshaven. Reply to JS, PO Box 640041, SF 94109-0041 or call ★★5243.

Question?

Would you rather hike through redwoods than squeeze through a crowded bar? Do you prefer worn cotton to Armani? Do you balance working out and eating healthy with the occasional video and bowl of Haagen Daz? Is solitude a perfect time to meditate? Are you cleanshaven with not too much body hair? Then you might like to meet this handsome, 6'2", 165#, bk/gr, active Southerner who's new to the city. Reply BT Box MR107B or call ★★5244.

Chemistry

I'm 6', 198#, 46, smooth, hung, swimmer's body, HIV-, nonsmoker, non-drinker, non-drugger, oral, top, attractive, educated, professional. Sincere intent is monogamous relationship, SF or North Bay. Seek man who doesn't drink, smoke, drug, is HIV- bottom (or indifferent to anal sex), hairy and comfortable with monogamous commitment. Since, for me, everything else is "chemistry," tell me about yourself! Call ★★5245.

North Bay Single Asian Men

Recent promotion brings GLM to your lovely Santa Rosa. This straight-acting, well-educated, humorous, genuine professional is 5'8", green eyes, 35 y.o., seeks warm-hearted, caring, sincere Asian, 24-30 y.o. We enjoy outdoor activities, dining out, movies, volleyball, beach and especially friendship built on integrity. Take small chance, reap potential rewards beyond your dreams. Let's talk. Reply BT Box MR108B or call ★★5246.

Still Tired Of Sleeping Alone

GWM, 37, 5'11", 145, HIV-, NS, ND, drug-free, friendly, quiet, shy, gentle. Seeking thin GAM, GWM, GLM, under 40, HIV- with similar interests, to spend quality time with. Developing friendship/relationship, (or) J/O/cuddlebuddies. Interests: biking, beaches/parks, tennis, garage sales, music (listening & playing keyboard/autoharp), TV/VCR, computers, board/card games. PO Box 1041, Alameda 94501 or call ★★5247.

Let's Rub Boners

Shy, healthy GWM in 40s, average-looking, somewhat exhibitionistic, hung w/low hangers, would like to meet same for one-time only safe encounters. Let's rub our bellies and erections together so we can squirt at the same time. Tactile only, no penetration. Discreet, confidential and safe. Your nude pix gets mine (returnable—Xerox OK). Serious only write to: Boxholder, 740A 14th St., Box #391, SF 94114 or call ★★5248.

Older Friend Wanted

GAM, 5'8", 160 lbs., honest, sincere, affectionate, cute, athletic, professional, seeks a 25-53 y.o. GM for a discreet friendship, maybe more depending on our chemistry. I like dancing, shopping as well as driving in the mountains and spending quality time with a special person. If you are smoke- and drug-free, HIV-, warm, romantic, attractive, cultural, educated, professional, please write with a returnable photo if possible. South Bay only. Reply BT Box MR109B or call ★★5249.

GWM/GAM/GLM/GBM?

GWM, 30, BA/MA/PhD, 5'10", 185#, br/br, 7" BB, HIV-, INFP, 150 IQ, ACA/ACMI, NS/ND, Fr/A & Gr/P, into B&D, S&M, C&BT, FF, W/S, J/O, TV/TS, KSJO/KALX/KPFA/105.3, ST/TNG and AA, seeks GWM/GAM/GLM/GBM, 18-35, 5'8"+, HIV-, into B&D, S&M, C&BT, FF & J/O. BA/MA/PhD, INFP, 135+IQ, ACA/ACMI, NS/ND, TV/TS, W/S, 7+", 185+#, 25-, Fr/P, Gr/A a+. Call ★★5250.

Wanted: Hunk W/Heart Of Gold

For mutually supportive, monogamous relationship. You are 5'10"-6'4", muscular, defined, hairy, handsome, sexual & affectionate. I'm attract., 5'9", 145, HIV+. Send photo. ND, NS or alcohol. Please be healthy, functional & ready for love! Reply BT Box MR110B or call ★★5251.

Wanted: Horny Bottom

Or bottoms to service. Two horny, HIV- tops for spring and summer 1993—nude sunbathing. Let's have fun. Write: Summertime Fun, Box 282, Fulton, CA 95439 or call ★★5252. North Bay preferred.

6'2", 220#, 25 yrs., HIV-, GWM bodybuilder with short, curly brown hair, moustache and beard wants to meet another bodybuilder and try to build something that will last. Call ★★5253.

Partner—Sonoma County

For 52-yr-old GWM, HIV-. You are likely over 45, a GM who is also intelligent, kind & loving, affectionate & available, with a sense of fun & humor. You also sincerely want a committed, monogamous, equal partnership & to continue growing & learning, to share ideas, conversation, time; to give & receive & to build a great & magical life together. I hope you will enjoy theater, cars, travel, gardening, adventures & metaphysics. Please write to BT Box MR111B.

Your Best Friend

It isn't Mom or your dog. Fact is, you are looking for an extravagantly handsome/hunky man who is affectionate, romantic and passionate. Who loves to laugh, to kiss and is a great cocksucker. Naturally, you are fit and very exercised, healthy and HIV-, well-groomed, schooled in New England, speak halting French, play decent tennis, read novels and write letters. You love getting head; you love to kiss. I recently found this, and thought it worth keeping and aspiring to: "... to think freely, talk gently, act frankly, listen to stars and birds, to babes and sages, with open heart, to hear all cheerfully, to do all bravely, await occasions." Call ★★5254.

Marin County

GWM, new to Marin and Bay Area. Seeking other males to 55. I am 39 y.o., 5'7", 175 lbs., hazel eyes, short brown hair, trimmed moustache. Well-endowed, so I've been told I have a nice dick. Top, and oral, trustworthy, and honest. HIV- only. Reply BT Box MR112B or call ★★5255.

GAM For Rites Of Spring!

The birds are preparing for their annual mating rituals and I feel ready for a mate too! I am 32, 5'7", 128 lbs., with classic bookworm-wearing-glasses look. Seeking soulmate who is GW or GHM, 28-38, well-educated, settled in career of choice, active in community service. Tall, hairy, masculine and handsome are desirable traits. Nonsmoker, non-drug user preferred. Reply BT Box MR113B or call ★★5256.

High Plains Drifter

Each person consciously or unconsciously lives in a mythological world of their own creating, contending with dragons on the lower and higher plains. I am a being who prefers to exalt most of his battles to a higher realm. Some of my favorite myths: Zeus and Ganymede, Achilles and Patroclus. You and I. You: 30+, hairy, hung, intelligent, gentle, spiritual, HIV-. Me: 27, 5'9", 160 lbs., smooth, hung, HIV-, br/gr, boyish/man. Send letter & photo to: PO Box 425876, SF 94142-5876 or call ★★5257.

How 'Bout A Date?!

In San Francisco, getting laid is easy. But a rarer pleasure is what I really want: a date! I'm 28, cute, 5'9", slim, with dark brown hair and blue eyes. I'm also bright, educated, political, shy but open, and smoke-free. Great date elements for me include: movies, food, live jazz, thoughtful conversation. You: similar age, cute, smoke-free, bored of one-nighters. Call ★★5258.

Uncommon Black Male

Can you relate to my warm heart, caring soul and romantic sensuality? Can I experience your maturity, intellect and sincerity in a quiet moment of intimacy? Savor the thought. I am 37, attractive, 5'8", 135 lbs., and enjoy the basic pleasures of life: movies, dining out, lazy Sunday afternoons, travel, music and dancing. Your list of uncommon ingredients should include: age 25-40, attractive, stable, healthy, trim, versatile or bottom sexually and most of all—honesty. Reply BT Box MR114B or call ★★5259.

Family Values

Are what I'm looking for. I have a warm circle of friends and I'm looking for a life partner who is first of all my best friend. I'm professional, intense, out, reflective, romantic, into swimming, skiing, bicycling and reading. 26, GWM, 5'10", 150#, "cute, all-American." Looking for similar man, masculine Asian or Caucasian, 25-35, reasonably good shape, no smoking or drugs, who is serious but has sense of humor. If you like Ella, Aretha, k.d., the New Republic and Tales of the City, we should talk. Letter with photo or detailed message please. Reply BT Box MR115B or call ★★5260.

Double Mint Classified

Small grain high quality Asian looking for two separate situations: (1) Smooth/slim Asian (or ?) between 25-35. We have a positive outlook, like learning, exploring and "being there" for each other. Stability a must. Good-natured and compassion for others desirable. (2) Safe-sex bondage buddy who enjoys the thrill of being restrained. Respond: H.O., 350 7th Ave., Box 75, SF 94118.

Russian River Redhead Requests Recreation

Cute, 5'6", 33, 130, seeks playmates (duos/solos) for fun times. Artist/musician/writer attracted to diversity: leather, faerie, nudist; corporate, rural; intellectual, student; voyeur/exhibitionist, pierced, WS, toys; slim, built; any combination thereof. Prefer near my height/weight, age 20-40. Russian River to SF; have car. Politically aware ("left") distinct plus. Letter/photo (returned) to: Box 488, Guerneville 95446 or call ★★5261.

Seeking Companions

I'm 6'5", 195 lbs., with soft brown hair and glistening blue-green eyes that soften handsome, masculine features. A busy, physically demanding profession and regular exercise keeps me in good health and humor. Seeking easygoing, loving companions similarly healthy up to age 40 with a sense of humor, to explore and have fun with: enjoy quiet talks over dinner, walks, theater, movies, Josie's Cabaret, or relaxing at home with a video. Enjoy exploring sensual touch and intimacy within safe parameters when the relationship develops. Please: no smoking or drugs and moderate drinking, as I abstain. Reply BT Box MR116B or call ★★5262.

Space Cowboy

Vivid dreamer—37, 5'7", 130. Fine chestnut mane, serpentine hazel orbs, short sandy-red beard, constellations of freckles. Prefer other, younger, smooth, slender, sensitive hippie sort. Long hair ideal. Partial to blond/blues, British and Asian, but equally opportunistic. Chivalrous, pantheistic musician, mischievous, blasphemous scribe. Into Limey motorcycles, real ale and making psychedelic love in the wilderness. Let's get naked and play boy games! Call ★★5263.

East Bay Man Seeks Relationship

Oakland GWM ready to meet another East Bay man who is sincere about relationships. I am 6', 210#, brn, brn, moustache, good-looking, well-built, 47 yrs. (looks 35). Enjoy long drives, tropical climate/sunning, quiet evenings at home, hugs; dislike bars/large gay scenes. I'm masculine, educated, responsible and a loyal friend to my future lover. I enjoy having a man beside me who is willing to work on a strong bond and build a future together. I prefer an East Bay man, 25-35, well-groomed, in-shape (muscled or slender), responsible, loving, with a genuine interest in a relationship. Please respond w/photo & letter to BT Box MR117B or call ★★5264.

Don't Miss the April 2 Deadline

Old Is Gold
Handsome, masculine, hairy, sexy, open-minded, mostly confident. Gentle as a flower and solid as a stone. 50s-60s and safe—that's you. I'm the mirror at a young 48. I like many things including older men, myself, bright, attractive females, massage, great sex with no musts and must nots. I have a fantastic touch. I'm adventurous with no agenda. Couples could be fun. Attractive, fit, reasonably equipped and hairy is important. Let's touch lives. Call ★★5265.

Oral Seeks Verbal
If you have muscular/hairy legs, a heavy piece of equipment, and a dominant attitude, then I want to explore deep throat and other head trips with you. I am 6', handsome, mature, muscular, intelligent. You need to be healthy, HIV-, in-shape. We both want safe and sane sex and each bring to the situation sensitivity, mental energy and humor. Call ★★5266.

Nice Catch For Lucky Asian
Attractive, hunky, moustached, HIV- GWM, 47, 5'11", 178 lbs., dark hair, seeking shy, sincere, open-minded AM in his 30s or 40s, who enjoys the simple things in life and very much needs to meet someone like me. Reply BT Box MR118B or call ★★5267.

White/Latin Jocks
Enjoy being in front of a camera in a sensual, erotic portrait? Taken by young, amateur photographer. No exp. required but be 18 to 35 y.o. PO Box 190188, SF 94119 or call ★★5268.

Young & Hot?
But feel shy, nervous, inexperienced, too tall or short or skinny? If you like sex without messy melodrama or heavy-duty emotional involvement, call this attractive 40s male. All races get it off your way with this friendly, horny, straight-looking white guy. Handicapped and straight guys OK. What do you want to do? Call ★★5269.

Handsome Hunks
Are you 18-30, good-looking, well-built, clean-cut, athletic type? Amateur photographer seeks young guys who fit college jock, swimmer or construction worker image for physique posing. Send brief description, phone #, photo to PO Box 190188, SF 94119 or call ★★5270.

J'Adore La Vie!
5'11", 190#, 27 y.o., mixed race GBM would like to meet other GMs for friendship, dating and possible relationship. I like biking, racquetball, beaches and occasional night life. Prefer "normal," down-to-earth men, 25-35 y.o., race unimportant, who are comfortable with life and themselves. Be honest, good-looking, weight/height proportionate. Letter w/photo appreciated; photo returned. Reply BT Box MR119B or call ★★5271.

Available For Magic
55 y.o. GWM, 5'9", 150 lbs., trimmed gray beard, thinning hair, distinguished looking professional, emotionally available, capable of loving and being responsible; HIV-. Lover of 8 yrs. died 1 yr. ago. Love walking, music, theater, travel, hanging out, caring, giving, talking, puns, humor, ideas. Seeking intelligent, articulate, responsive, attractive, sincere man, 40s to mid-50s. I want to love deeply and openly again. NS. Reply BT Box MR120B or call ★★5272.

Regular GAM For Regular GWM
GAM, 6', 150, reasonably cute, graduate student seeks masculine GWM, 25-40, 5'10" above, preferably professional (but not necessarily), medium to stocky build. Enjoy silly and intelligent conversations, classical to techno music, staying home and going out. Also like dancing, movies, occasional bar but no extremes. Always committed to school but now eager to also enjoy life. Looking for guys with similar inclinations. Friendship/relationship. Call ★★5273.

I Love
Cycling, walking, talking, laughing, dinners and quiet times. Slim, masculine, HIV- guy, youthful 50s, looking for active, fit guy who would like to spend weekends exploring the area and getting to know each other. Open to other activities. Call ★★5274.

Seeking Mate
32, GLM, spiritual Taurus, 5'5", 150 lbs., looking for a well-proportioned, spiritual top, HIV+, asymptomatic or comfortable with that. Able to work with meditation, monogamy, hot sex, life, relationships, spiritualism and communication. Interested? Write Boxholder, PO Box 22654, SF 94122 or call ★★5275.

To Whom It May Concern
New responses are welcome also, but if you answered the ad (repeated below) titled, "Something More" in the Feb. 25 issue (voice mail #4514), unfortunately, some confusion arose regarding access to the verbal responses and many of these were lost. So please try again! Call ★★5276.

Something More
Attractive, 35 y.o., blnd/blue, 6'1", toned and trim, well-endowed, GWM, seeks good-looking, attention-getting, Latin, Indian, Arab or other brown-skinned guy, tall or short, who's 20-35 y.o., on the smooth, built, boyish, preppyish side, strong and basically confident, yet gentle and caring, respectful, creative, and open to exploring the inner depths of individuality (hope this one doesn't sound too weird!), for romance, fun and games, and to get something more out of life. Please send photo (returned) and letter. Reply BT Box MR121B or call ★★5277.

A Man Who'll Take A Chance
GBM, 38, 5'8", 150 lbs., lean and muscular, healthy HIV+, strikingly handsome, confident, and gentle spirit is seeking a man of any race for dating, hopefully developing into something more. I am an emotionally secure person who enjoys theater, concerts, dancing, dressing up or down, dinner, cafes and music. My friends say that I am "Too hot to be single." Please send a short letter/picture. Reply BT Box MR122B.

Black Male Wanted
By attractive GWM, 5'8", 160, blond, HIV-. We are both physically fit, romantic and under 30 yrs. old. I have many interests and am looking for a relationship. Take a chance and call. Call ★★5278.

You Like To Show Off Your Body?
I would like to orally service you if you are handsome, well-built (flat stomach, strong legs) and like to be complimented. I don't want any reciprocation. I want to focus on you. I'd like to see you in "Under Gear," tight jeans, bare chested, etc. Let's share a discreet evening exploring this. I'm Latin, handsome & 31. Write and send photo—will return. Reply BT Box MR123B or call ★★5279.

Blond Men
From dark ash to bleached out really turn me on. My fantasies involve making whoopee with blonds, especially bleached blonds. If you always wanted to be a blond and need encouragement, call me. I am a dark-haired, bearded, 40, 5'7", 150 lbs., great talker, fun and very passionate. I especially like younger, fair-haired men and brunettes who will be willing to lighten up. Call ★★5280.

Friend Or Lover Or Both
Creative artist pursuing the art of living and relationship. I'm handsome GWM, intelligent, philosophical, metaphysical, sensitive and loving. I'm a very healthy HIV+ and am into mind-body healing exploration. I enjoy movies, working out at the gym, caffeinated conversations. Developing my art talents and self-growth and travel. I'm looking for a GWM, handsome, 28 to 42, versatile top with compatible interests. Must be dependable and honest and desire a mutually loving, intimate and supportive relationship. Sense of humor. Reply BT Box MR124B or call ★★5281.

East Bay Beau
PoMo, late 30s, QWM, grad student into arty intellectual bullshit, serious sports: biking, swimming (yeah, I have a great body), and excessive, lustful, romantic sex, looking for HIV+ boys into mutual banging, dick and kissing to late romantic classical music. Prefer cute, cleanshaven QWMs, under 40, with tight, lithe bodies, who read too much (or paint too much, or compose too much or do something too much), wear round, tortoise-shell glasses and have a dick that gets hard and stays hard. I'm 6'1", hazel eyes, buffed, clipped down and ready to put down my book and suck your face! Call ★★5282.

Nude Photo Exchange
Collector of erotic home photos seeks to exchange photos of myself and friends for your hot photos. I'm attractive GWM, 30, with a hot bod and really "Big" penis. If you enjoy showing off your assets as much as I do, call or send your photos to my reply box. All letters and photos will receive very generous reciprocation—I've lots of pictures. Reply BT Box MR125B or call ★★5283.

Uncut Cock Available
If you would like to sample some Wisconsin head cheese or if you prefer it freshly showered, this thick, uncut meat is currently available. Call ★★5284 now for some foreskin pleasure or write Boxholder, PO Box 1062, Daly City 94017-1062.

Handsome Hippie/Redneck Seeks Relationship
Friends first, coupled is best. Me: bearded, tall, educated, artist, instinctual, sexual, HIV- (you too), full head of hair, big strong hands used to hard work but treat you tender/exchange massage. Wrap all 6'1" around you for close cuddling under the stars, 182 lbs. just right. Am 41, look younger. Many interests esp. gardening, dogs, camping, fishing, rodeo, guns, family, eating home and local guys. Seeking another loner, off-beat nurturer, initiator-take charge kind of guy whose sexual preference is not obvious and who doesn't feel 100 percent at home in gay world. Plus for facial hair, blue collar, rugged good looks near my age and not a politically correct pretty boy or Republican. To go another level deeper, letter and photo a must before meeting. PO Box 31252, SF 94131 or call ★★5285.

I Have A Crush On Bill Clinton
But he's not available, not to mention hetero, married, chubby, eats as McDonald's & is way too old for me. I want someone real, here, now. Maybe you. I'm a gay boy, 31, tall 6'4", 185, blond/blue, HIV+. I'm masculine & fit, good-looking, affectionate, goofy, incurably romantic, versatile/top, passionate, smart & fun. I love hiking, bicycling, politics, exploring, cuddling, nature, holding hands, pot, kissing, cars, good food, and great sex. I usually dislike booze, apathy, greed, Republicans and other poisons. I'm hoping to meet a nice boy, honest, bright & thoughtful, to age 36, any race, slender, short or tall, boyish a plus, horny a big plus, for dates and possibilities including friendship, sex, love & relationship. Call ★★5286. Peace.

No Catchy Header
Just interested in trying to meet a compatible man to date. WM, 42, 5'8", 160 lbs., brn-bld/brn, moustache, considered attractive, NS/ND, HIV-, educated, professionally employed, sexually bottom. Interests include movies/theater, friends, dining out, dancing, the outdoors, CAC gym, travel, new experiences; attributes include common sense, affectionate, communicative, easy-going, caring and more. Particularly attracted to men my age or younger, especially attractive men of color and hairy WM. Call ★★5287.

Mature Seeks Mature
I'm in-shape, very young 60, 5'8", 155#, attractive, Italian, HIV-, brown/bald/brown, nonsmoker, short beard/moustache, hairy chest, uncut, clean, neat, honest, dependable, nice guy. I'd consider relocating for businessowner and be partner/lifemate. Enjoy home, reading, music, plants, board games, good conversation, quiet times. Be in-shape and nonsmoker like me. Current photo appreciated/returned. Take a chance. We're worth it. Box 6043, Eureka 95502-6043 or call ★★5288.

No M.S.G.
No misrepresentations, superficiality or games. Nothing artificial added. Just natural, wholesome goodness. However, this does not mean I am simple, plain or boring. I'm a very attractive, young professional, 29, 145 lbs., with a smooth, gym-toned physique. I'm a pragmatic idealist, hopelessly romantic, with varied interests. I'm not big on the bar/club scene. I'm seeking attractive, educated men under 33 for friendship and possibly more. Reply BT Box MR126B or call ★★5289.

Top Renaissance Queer
HIV-, 62, craves 18 to 30 renaissance dude or dweeb, seronegative, light weight, to mentor and to fuck, forse, fata homines regunt, love. Well, it's an idea. Prefer skinny homo ludens, wit dry as Twain or Shaw, free of the fashionably dumb—a compassionate grad stud? Avec une queue d'enfer, vraiment une machine a baiser. Grosse schwanz? Think we're a match? Letter, returnable pic: Box 696, Berkeley 94701 or call ★★5290.

Zeus On The Loose?
Whoa! Yeah, he's met some cool Ganymedes, fine friends, but not yet that prospective mutual, magical, mythical, super-real mate with whom to shoot Olympian heights. Zeus still uncut, HIV-, hung, beardless, white-haired—fair condition for an old god. Ganymede's on the bright side, cute, slender GWM, under 35, loves to be fucked while kissing, HIV-, funny, enthusiastic. Exchange returnable photos. Literate letter, Box 696, Berkeley or call ★★5291.

Time To Nest
We have friends, professional associates, even former lovers. We're educated, traveled with eclectic interests. Missing is communication, sharing, love, support of an honest, monogamous relationship with traditional values, liberal outlook. Value home, friends, The City. I'm 5'9", 158, blond, HIV+, smoker, 40s. You're 30s, shorter, with 'stache—or not. Both oral, great kissers, nipple fanciers. Creative, both vertically and horizontally. Let's satisfy our strong libidos, then pillow talk for hours. Call ★★5292.

Friends First
WM, 28, blk/br, clean-cut, cleanshaven, HIV-, collegiate, educated, and physically fit, with a sense of humor, seeking similar. I like people (the intelligent, friendly kind), satire, coffee, reading, cuddling and plenty of other activities, as long as I'm with the right person. I tend to socialize in smaller groups and prefer good conversation over dinner to the bar scene. Pluses: East Bay residents, bl/bl, bubble butts. Call ★★5293.

GWM Seeking Mature GAM
HIV- GWM, 25, 5'10", 185, works out regularly, relatively good-looking, seeks HIV-, masculine

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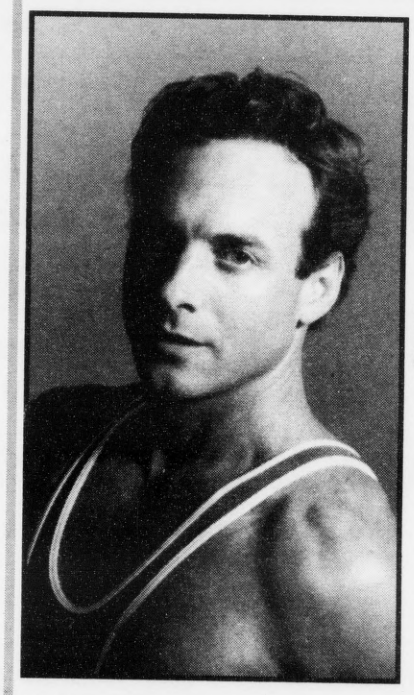
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GAM, 25 or older, medium to stocky build for friendship and/or relationship. I enjoy the outdoors, long walks, good conversation, music, movies and dancing, as well as holding hands, kissing and cuddling with the right person. Strong interests in spirituality (East and West) and new perspectives. Value honesty and integrity. Call ★★5294.

I'm Not Asking For Much

A house, a dog, a fire, and a lover at my side. Maybe you can help? If you are seeking a long-term relationship, this bright and sincere, brown-eyed attorney is just the marrying kind. He's an attractive, 35-year-old, 5'10", 180 lbs., with a muscular build, very affectionate and waiting to fall head over heels in love with a cute, dark-haired, dark-skinned (Latin?) younger guy, moderate to slender build, who is bright, independent and, at times, silly enough to pull him away from his office. Call ★★5295.

Even Relationship

Ads here end "must be a cross-dressing body-builder." Makes this 30 y.o. GWM consider moving back East. But it could be perfect with a man who's professional about art, thought or business, but not about being gay. Looking for someone around my age, my size (5'8", 150), HIV-, who reads and writes and doesn't need recovery. I'm the above. Friends say I look like Montgomery Clift. Maybe. Yes, I visit a gym. I just don't live there. Reply BT Box MR127B or call ★★5296.

Ravenous White Male

Desires tasty Chinese Yang dish for eternal savoring. I'm a handsome, eclectic moderate (34, 5'10", 150 lbs.) who believes in love and in enjoying this beautiful existence and who wants to explore the possibilities of our paths crossing. We are HIV- and were born within a few years of one another. Please write or call—come on, you know you're tasty! Reply BT Box MR128B or call ★★5297.

My Heart's Free

Loving and caring 30 y.o., incarcerated GWM, lonely for friendship, love and affection. Me: blond/blue, HIV-, healthy, intelligent, good-looking, serious-minded, but also fun-loving. I love to read, exercise and meditate. Your photo will get mine with reply. Serious responses only. Reply BT Box MR129B.

Fun And Games

Easygoing GWM, 36, 6'2", 190#, brown hair, cleanshaven, good-looking, HIV-, well-educated, East Bay programmer seeks similar nonsmoking GWM/GAM, 25-40, with a good sense of humor, for fun and games, including music, dinner, movies, dancing, hiking, biking, card games and travel. Looking for friendship and maybe more. Call ★★5298.

... And This Just In!

We have learned that an eligible, hot GWM is loose in SF. Sources describe him as handsome, mid-30s, HIV-, lean, athletic, romantic, with brown hair, moustache and dark eyes. His behavior and movements indicate intelligence, humor and stamina. It is also apparent that he is attracted to handsome, older men (40s-50s) who are lean and young at heart. Caution is urged when approaching the subject, unless of course you want to be the object of his desires. We will keep you abreast of developments if they happen. Photo & phone to PO Box 26628, SF 94126.

We Won't Rest Until You Are Satisfied Socially

Next Deadline for All Ads: April 2 for April 8

How To Respond to a "Call Star" Personal Ad

CALL 1-900-844-2-GAY. Using a Touch-Tone phone, you can reply to any ad that has "Call ★★" with a Call Star Extension number. This is your chance to hear the advertiser's voice! Call their extension and leave a personalized message, or see if this sounds like an advertiser you'd like to write to. It's almost as easy as leaving a message on a friend's answering machine. And the advertiser gets your message immediately.

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How To Pick Up Your Written Replies

BT REPLY BOX MAIL PICK-UP: You may pick up your mail Monday through Friday from 1-6pm. If you do not have your own P.O. Box, you must get a BT mail box. Feel free to call us during the regular pick-up hours to find out if you have mail, and please limit your calls to these hours! *You must bring picture I.D. to pick up your mail at the office.*

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Pony Seeks Colt

GWM, 31, very handsome, dark hair/eyes, moustache, fairly hairy, masculine, muscular, 5'6½", 150 lbs., HIV-. Self-employed keeps me quite busy between work and gym, but still have time to share with another man. Aside from the great outdoors and work am somewhat a homebody. Like cooking and renting a movie now and then. Interested in a relationship with a man of the same interests. Like men bigger than me, well-built, age not important; facial hair a plus. NS, ND. Reply: 584 Castro, #287, SF 94114 or call ★★5299.

Share The Pain

While it seems those around you are whistling a happy tune and looking good, are you left struggling alone with your aloneness and pain that keeps you from getting out there and "playing the game"? So am I, and I'm looking for a friend who is exploring himself and needs depth and communication above all. Good looks and social grace are certainly attractive, but for us sharing those painful parts, not written into movie scripts, forms the basis of trust and intimacy. But hold on, good buddy. In case you confuse this with the psychiatrist's office, we gotta have sexual or personal attraction to drive this ad venture. I'm a tall, slim, dark-haired, hazel-eyed, 43-year-old. Not a Hollywood dream, nor an ugly stepsister. Look a little strained, but soften with touch. My friends say I look like Joe Blow, so I'm getting some new friends. I value my struggle, and I'll respect yours. Not all doom and gloom though. My coyote trips over his tail, lands on his butt, and laughs at the moon. Besides the usual dinner/movie things, I like camping, nature, travel (here and foreign), spiritual practice and healing. Yours may be different. Those interested mainly in traveling partners should also respond: California, Midwest, S.W., Mexico, S. America, or Asia. Pluses for E. Bay residents or foreign experience (but don't get tripped up if you ain't or don't). Allow some delay in my response due to freq. trips outside Bay Area. Letters with photos answered first. Include address and phone whether voice or written response. Reply BT Box MR130B or call ★★5300.

Earthy Lover

I am looking for someone who is relationship-oriented. I'm a good-looking, 38, 6'3", 190#, HIV-, brown/hazel, moustache, sometimes bearded guy. I'm drug-free, smoke-free and drink occasionally. I'm big-hearted and enjoy life in all of its simplicity and craziness. All passionate lovemaking is great and I'm versatile. I enjoy everything life can offer but try not to be a slave to anything, whether it be the gym, traveling or shopping. So if you are someone who is down-to-earth, enjoys life, has a great sense of humor, 33-48, and shares some similar qualities, let's meet and see what happens. Write with returnable photo and phone number or call. Reply BT Box MR131B or call ★★5301.

Tux And Tent

I have both! V. attractive, romantic, intelligent, unconventional, opera-loving Chinese guy just as at home outdoors. Funny, no-bullshit, seek similar/ly adventurous, spontaneous, well-balanced, emotionally available, hang-up-less guys. I'm 28 y.o., 6'1", 180#, HIV-, extremely easygoing, but must be honest. Types are fine, but persons are better. Please send honest photo. Pretend you're writing to your best friend! All replies answered; it's only fair, right? Reply BT Box MR132B or call ★★5302.

Looking For Special Guy

I am a 40-year-old with a successful career, good friends and varied interests. I am looking for a guy who is serious, takes care of himself and is enthusiastic about life's possibilities. I am 5'10", 155#, blond/blue, swimmer's build, HIV-. Grew up in the area and went to Cal. Enjoy cycling, swimming, the beach, hiking, computers, gardening, working on my house, studying French and travel (planning a bike trip to Europe this summer). If you are 25-40, HIV-, in good shape, clean-cut, masculine, college educated and seeking a monogamous relationship, please respond with a letter and recent photo. Reply BT Box MR133B.

Mid-60s

Friendly, handsome, passionate, non-drinker, nonsmoker, non-druggie, literate bridge player, good cook, HIV-, lives mid-SF, working; seeks WM, HM or BM around 35 for long-term monogamous liaison. Reply BT Box MR134B or call ★★5303.

Let's Get Serious

I'm serious about meeting men. Not ready to jump into bed on the first date. Me: 6', 250 lbs., GBM, love hiking, biking, and all of outdoors. Indoors I like cooking fancy meals, old movies, classical and jazz concerts. Not looking for one-night stand or barflies, but a longtime companion that likes doing things together and sharing each other's thoughts. Race doesn't matter. Inner quality is more important. Drinkers, smokers & drug users need not apply. If you're serious, write to PO Box 5441, Oakland 94605 or call ★★5304.

It's Hard...

To meet people these days. Asian male, 20s, 5'7", 145, very good-looking, approachable, level-headed, professional. Looking to connect heart and soul. Value integrity, strength of character, accumulating wisdom and humor. Enjoy karaoke, working out, cheap dates, volleyball, outdoors, thriftshops, friends, each other's company and the tapestry of your skin. You: GWM, 23-35, fit, attractive, HIV-, stable. Want to make new friends and maybe find someone to call my own. I'll be glad you called. Call ★★5305.

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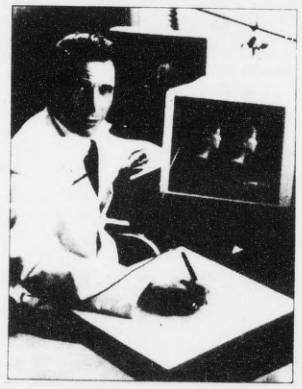

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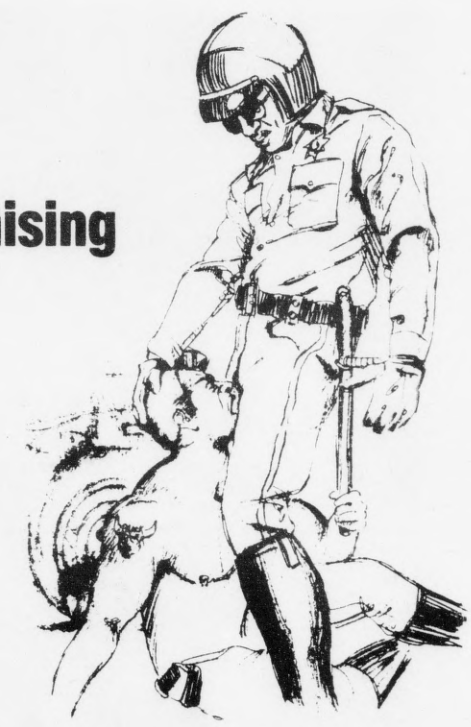

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